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Store wars: Campaigners make their feelings known at the council planning meeting last Wednesday

Tesco the winner on split decision

Committee chairman uses casting vote to push through supermarket decision

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A COMMUNITY is divided after a controversial application to build a Tesco superstore was granted.

For years, residents and members of TESNO have opposed and protested against proposals for a Tesco on the site of the former Aston Martin Lagonda factory in Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.

But there are also those who welcome the store, saying it is vital for those who find it difficult to travel.

At the final planning meeting last Wednesday, there were tears, angry expletives and cheers of joy as the green light was given to the 3,527 sq m store.

Councillors at the four-hour meeting were themselves divided, with four voting in favour of the application, four voting against and two abstaining.

Councillor Andrew Morris, chairman of the committee, used his casting vote saying: "We have assessed the whole thing and tried to find reasons to turn it down, so reluctantly I'll use my casting vote to grant planning permission for this store."

Peter Badham moved to Newport Pagnell in 1971 and he says it is about time the town got a store. He said: "The elderly, disabled and young families are now able to park a car and take a shopping trolley to the supermarket, for the first time in 40 years.

"They won't have to make a ten-mile round trip any more."

One supporter who spoke out at the meeting was former mayor and Newport Pagnell town councillor Mike Barry, who was booed by members of the public after his speech, in which he said: "I've agonised over this application long and hard.

"After review and talking to many constituents, I concluded that, on balance, the town would benefit from this store."

The town council officially opposed the plans and some residents and members of TESNO are planning to lobby MK councillors to invoke a rule 15.1, which would rescind a planning decision on the grounds of incorrectly followed procedures.

A Tesco spokesman said: "We are extremely pleased with the planning committee's decision.

"A small supermarket of the size proposed for Tickford Street would typically take around six months to build.

"In this case we also need to take into account the other elements, such as the restoration to the heritage buildings and highway improvements. We recognise that this has been a controversial application that has divided opinion but we want to work constructively with local groups and organisations to ensure that the town benefits."

Dancing girls wanted

DANCERS hoping to perform at the city's new cabaret club are being invited to audition at the UK's most famous dance studio.

Pineapple Dance Studios in London will host auditions for local female dancers who want to join the resident entertainment team at The Greene Room, opening in May.

Experienced dancers will be interviewed at the studios for a place in the girl group Resident Dollz.

Lucy Herlihy, general manager of The Greene Room, said: "We are looking for the best of the best. We are auditioning at the most famous dance studio in the UK and this is a golden chance for local people to be recognised.

"I do not know one girl who wouldn't love to become a Resident Doll."

Live entertainment, dancers, music, film, comedy and much more are on the menu at the new Theatre District venue.

If you think your dancing shoes fit the bill, auditions will be held at Pineapple Dance Studios in Langley Street, London, on Thursday, March 24 at 1pm. Dancers should also take along a CV and photo.

Death pub set to reopen next week

THE Globe Inn in Hanslope is due to reopen early next week.

It had been run by Jaime Ball, 29, who died after being stabbed in the pub on December 28.

Following his death his partner Emma Durantes took over but closed it earlier this month.

Owner Marston's Brewery is putting in a temporary manager and is looking for a new tenant to take over.

Bernardo Durantes, 35, has pleaded not guilty to Mr Ball's murder and is due to go on trial at Luton Crown Court on September 5.

FISHERMEAD FIRE

Victims' family may sue the fire service

Mother rang 999 during the blaze – her body and that of her daughter were not discovered for 35 hours

Firefighters at the scene of the death blaze in Fishermead Boulevard

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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THE family of the Fishermead fire victims may take civil action against the fire service for failing to save their loved ones.

Barbara Zhanje, 48, of Corby, was jailed on Monday after starting the fire which killed three-year-old Fiyin Ejifunmilayo and her mother Bola, 29.

After the fire in Fishermead Boulevard, from which a woman was rescued, an initial statement from Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service said it was originally feared more people may have been trapped, but following a search no-one else was found.

However, when firefighters returned more than 35 hours later the bodies of Fiyin and Bola were discovered. The young mother from Nigeria had even made a 999 call during the fire saying they were finding it difficult to breath.

Killed: Fiyin and Bola Ejifunmilayo

Babjide Osobu, Bola's uncle, said: "The fire brigade tried but it was not good enough. Lawyers will be looking at things to see if we can take further action.

"The sentence was fair, however a prison sentence will not bring back the lives of Bolo and Fiyin.

"It was a terrible loss for the family. It was very upsetting to sit through the trial and hear the details."

A statement by the fire service issued to MK NEWS said: "We have offered to meet Bola and Fiyin's family and we fully understand that they are still seeking answers to many other questions in relation to their tragic deaths.

"Of course Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service regrets the delay in finding the bodies of their loved ones.

"We can assure everyone that we are still co-operating fully with all the investigations.

"We are in the process of implementing the recommendations of our own independently-scrutinised investigation, but cannot answer specific questions or make a further statement until all the legal processes, including the inquest, have been completed."

Scorned woman set fire to ex-boyfriend's belongings

SCORNED Barbara Zhanje was sent to prison for 12 years after being found guilty of starting the blaze which killed Bola and Fiyin Ejifunmilayo.

She set light to her former boyfriend's belongings in the multi-occupancy house in Fishermead on September 5 last year while he was away visiting his new girlfriend.

The blaze ripped through the house and innocent victims Bola and daughter Fiyin became trapped and died from smoke inhalation.

Zhanje pleaded not guilty to two counts of manslaughter and one of arson, being reckless as to whether anyone's life would be endangered.

'We hope that the verdict is of some comfort to the family' DS Rob Mason

She was convicted of all charges by a jury at St Albans' Crown Court.

Giving evidence, Zhanje said she was not responsible for the blaze, but admitted there had been problems in her relationship with Ananais Jumbe.

Forensic evidence matched glass from Mr Jumbe's door to glass fragments found on Zhanje's clothes.

Defence barrister Niall Quinn QC said Zhanje had been 'self-absorbed' that night.

Following the trial Detective Superintendent Rob Mason said: "We feel tremendously for the family of Bola and Fiyin.

"While nothing can bring them back, we hope that the verdict is of some comfort to them."

Pastor pays tribute to deceased

A TOUCHING tribute has been paid this week to Fiyin and Bola Ejifunmilayo.

Pastor Ayo Aiyeola, of the Chapel of Victory church in Great Linford where Bola was a chorister, said the pair would forever live in his heart.

He said: "They had their whole lives ahead of them – especially Fiyin who was about to start school. The most tragic part of it is the woman knew that the man she was after wasn't in the house. Why couldn't she just go away?

"Fiyin was a very lovely, sweet little girl and there's no doubt that we will miss her. Bola was in the choir and at the church all the while.

"We love them and they will always be in our hearts.

"It was so hard for Bola's father at the funeral, having to watch the burial of his own daughter and granddaughter. You could see the grief in the poor man."

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U-turn on repairs but bridge affair 'murky'

SIR – Everyone who loves Milton Keynes will be glad to hear that the cabinet has agreed to repair Secklow Gate bridge (MK NEWS, March 9).

I would like to thank supporters of our Highway Robbery campaign and MK NEWS for investigating the issue. But questions remain.

Regarding the sudden u-turn, Councillor Mike Galloway said at the full council meeting on Tuesday last week that the council had now decided to go ahead with the repairs because thecentre:mk hadn't applied for planning permission.

It's not because the public needs its grid roads, or because traders are struggling in the nearby market. It's not about the huge amount of money that has been wasted, or a Grade II-listed structure that needs restoring.

Instead, we have a brief statement which indicates that the council has put the public interest aside in favour of private development plans that have yet to be filed.

To many citizens, this is deeply disturbing.

Xplain, for one, would welcome an official investigation into the murky affair of Secklow Gate.

Linda Inoki
Leader of Xplain

■ SIR – My blood boiled reading your front page article '£30,000 a month to keep bridge closed'.

How dare Milton Keynes Council waste money like that.

If you had not written your articles and Xplain hadn't planned a demonstration, how long would the council have carried on paying out taxpayers' money? When it reached half a million pounds? A million pounds?

How councillors have the nerve to threaten closure of services when something like this happens, defies belief. Someone should take responsibility.

Mike Proctor
Wordsworth Avenue, Newport Pagnell

Appalled at axe falling on bereavement service

SIR – You can imagine how appalled I was when I continued to turn the pages after reading my story regarding the death of my son Harry, to come across your story regarding the funding being axed to the MK Bereavement Service (MK NEWS, March 9).

Do these people know how hard it is for families such as mine to deal with the death of their child or brother, sister or parent?

I cannot believe that after nearly two years I was almost ready to face my fears and ring this service to then see in the paper that it may no longer be available.

I already travel for more than an hour to take my daughter, Jessica, to the Child Bereavement Charity.

Some families do not have access to transport to get there, or cannot afford the petrol costs. I certainly cannot justify going regularly for myself.

Your views on Tesco

SIR – How sad is it that MK Council said yes to a new Tesco store in Newport Pagnell.

The councillors turned a deaf ear to the noise, light and air pollution, traffic gridlock around the site and the lives of the people living near the development.

I think it's time for MK council to change its name to the 'Tesco Council' as it has already agreed to four supermarkets in MK.

Mr P Honour

SIR – Finally common sense and forward thinking has prevailed.

Let's bring jobs, growth and consummer choice to our town rather than a High Street that closes at 4pm and waste ground that blots the landscape.

John Hughes

SIR – Newport Pagnell is getting tired.

There is a need to inject some life into the town and more jobs for those who are desperate for one will also be welcomed.

Steve Canwell

Surely the council can find a way to fund the service to help it continue?

Odette Mould
Greenleys

Money not well spent

SIR – Two letters in your paper on March 9 took my interest – 'Councillors need training' and 'Council not at fault'.

I'm sure that Helen Fudge would not undergo an operation if the surgeon had only undertaken a six-week course in surgery. So how can she expect a councillor to understand the complexity of management of millions of pounds and the services it provides?

Likewise, Mr Carter seems to think that he alone understands the issues involved in the provision of services by our council. As he said: "The axe has to fall somewhere."

The fact is, that when money was available to local councils during the Labour years it was not used for frontline services as was the original intention.

For me the perfect example of this was published on the front page of your newspaper last week – MK council spent £30,000 a month propping up a bridge on the off chance that someone might come along and redevelop the land. Meanwhile, it wanted to close libraries and nurseries.

R E Lee
Conniburrow Boulevard

Expansion fudged

SIR – In November 2008, after protests about the lack of grid roads in the Western Expansion Area, Cllr Isobel McCall stated: "The economic downturn and the resulting delays to the Western Expansion Area (WEA) open a window of opportunity for the council to enter into talks with the developers to see if they would be willing to alter the layout of the WEA to one more in keeping with the aspirations of MK residents."

You might think that in the intervening three years the developers, Gallaghers, had come up with a plan that would be in accordance with the wishes of MK residents.

But this is not the case. In the words of Stony Stratford councillor Phil Wharton, in his response to me for information, 'we end up with a fudged version in the WEA as the grid roads are to be extended but only into the new area where they will still meet a city street'.

You will remember that the 'city street' is a twee little twisting road that only ever existed in the mind of a developer but never in history. The two new grid roads, H2 and H3 (H3 is really only the existing Calverton Lane), extend for no more than 400 metres into the WEA from Watling Street and there is certainly no sign of an extension to V3.

Gallaghers intend that there will be 6,550 new homes in the WEA.

Imagine, if you can, as many as 10,000 extra cars on or crossing V4 Watling Street every morning and evening.

But, as Cllr Wharton says, the plan is to retain the roundabouts and not have the traffic lights originally proposed – in a couple of years you'll be begging for them. Meanwhile Gallaghers will have gone, and left MK with the problems.

John Feltham
Stony Stratford

Art? Don't make me laugh

SIR – I am completely against any 'art' being displayed outside Midsummer Place (MK NEWS, March 9).

Enough money has been wasted on so called art. You should walk through the shopping centre and listen to the comments made about the black objects scattered through the centre. They are ugly and people look at them in disbelief and snigger.

Now there is talk of spending £200,000 on more art.

Mrs E M Pace
Milton Keynes

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Riverside houses remain flooded as fire rages in Natori in the Tohoku area in northern Japan

Woman fears for husband in Japan

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A WOMAN has spoken of her fear for her husband who is amid the destruction wreaked by the huge earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The 9.0 magnitude quake on Friday was followed by a tsunami which tore along the coast, taking whole houses, boats, cars and lorries along with it.

So far, it is estimated about 2,400 people have died but officials believe the death toll could rise into the tens of thousands.

Japan lies on the infamous 'Ring of Fire', the line of frequent quakes and volcanic eruptions that encircles virtually the entire Pacific Rim.

But this is the largest quake, on record, to have hit the island. At the time of going to press a containment system around a nuclear reactor in Fukushima had been breached and there was growing concerns of a radioactive leak.

Linda Inoki's husband, Masao, is an architect in Tokyo and has told her of the fear that is spreading through the country.

The city resident said: "My husband and friends are okay but the situation is very worrying. My friends and family are mostly around the Tokyo district.

"They have told me how frightening it was but my husband has said the technology in the buildings over there is good enough, you can see that a lot of the tall buildings withstood it.

"But it is the tsunami that has done the damage. People get used to the idea of quakes, I lived over there for a long time and we were prepared for the effects but it is still very frightening.

"What they are concerned about now is the nuclear situation and another big aftershock which could be in Toyko Bay. He said if that happens it would be the end of Japan.

"With the nuclear stuff it is very tough, there is nothing in the supermarkets. Everyone is buying water and rice.

"They are worried that if there is a leak and the wind changes it could bring it down to Tokyo. He also says they do not think they are being told everything by the Government.

"My husband is trying to get to Osaka to his sister's. The trains aren't running very well so people are stuck, some are sleeping at their desks in their offices."

Radiation worries hold back relief effort

AN INTERNATIONAL aid agency based in Milton Keynes is set to send workers to Japan today to help with the relief effort.

A team from World Vision, in Opal Drive, will head to the city of Tome, around 250 miles north of Tokyo, to help an estimated 4,500 people by distributing clean water, blankets and other essentials.

The charity said it is currently holding off sending workers to the tsunami-hit areas because of the threat of radiation.

Mark Bulpitt, head of emergencies, said: "The scale of this disaster is as bad as anything we've seen globally. Our experts on the ground are constantly assessing the situation and will focus on the specific needs of children, many of whom will be deeply affected by this experience."

Mitsuko Sobata, communications and advocacy officer for World Vision Japan, is in the city of Sendai.

He said: "On Monday I visited one of the shelters housing some of the 340,000 people who have been evacuated around the city. Children are sleeping on cardboard with one blanket in freezing weather. They're tired and afraid, and the tragedy they've endured is overwhelming."

Woman assaulted after pub party

A WOMAN was assaulted in a fight that broke out after she left a party at a pub.

The fight happened following the party at The Springfield public house, in Springfield Boulevard, on Sunday, March 6 at about 1am.

It took place in Stamford Avenue, Springfield, and broke out between two groups of people who police believe were on their way back from the party.

A number of people were assaulted, including the 44-year-old woman.

DC Darren Street, who is investigating the incident, said: "It is not clear what happened between the groups and a number of allegations and counter-allegations have been made.

"We would like to speak to any independent witnesses who saw what happened to help progress the investigation."

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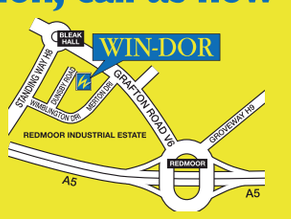

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Calendar Girls pose a piece of cake

THE latest entrant to our Calendar Girls competition is 62-year-old sales adviser Jan Freeman.

The grandmother-of-four, from Newport Pagnell, said: "I thought to myself 'I'm 62, if I don't do it now it'll be too late'.

"I got the idea from the film with the extremely large buns – so I thought I'd do extremely large cupcakes."

Calendar Girls returns to Milton Keynes Theatre from March 28 to April 9 with an all-star cast including Lynda Bellingham and Jennifer Ellison. To book tickets call 0844 871 7652, or visit www.ambassadortickets.com/miltonkeynes.

The deadline for entries to our competition, being supported by Serenity Boudoir Photography (www.serenityboudoir.co.uk), is Monday. The public will then be able to vote for their favourite until March 25 by visiting www.mk-news.co.uk, where details of how to enter and the prizes on offer are also available.

Carer stole £11k from a frail OAP

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A WOMAN has admitted stealing more than £11,000 from the frail 94-year-old she was supposed to be looking after.

Debora Sutton, 51, from Arncliffe Drive, Heelands, admitted two charges of fraud by false representation and one offence of theft from another after taking £11,271.23 from Lily Randall between 2004 and 2010.

Magistrates heard how Sutton would get Mrs Randall, who had suffered several strokes, a heart attack and struggled with her memory, to sign cheques which she said were for bills, but then cash them for herself.

She was also caught on CCTV withdrawing cash using a debit card, and opened an overdraft facility to accommodate the amounts of money she was taking.

Sutton had previously helped Mrs Randall with her day-to-day life after her first stroke and was listed as the emergency contact when she moved to Lovat Fields Retirement Village, in Willen Park, in 2007.

At the hearing at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Wednesday, prosecutor Julia Jeans said Mrs Randall's family understood Sutton would buy her groceries, but when they visited there was no food in her home.

Police were alerted when the retirement village encountered problems with Mrs Randall paying rent and found Sutton difficult to contact.

At Mrs Randall's address were bank statements which showed transactions that she could not have made herself.

In interview, Sutton admitted to taking out large amounts of money and taking the cheques fraudulently, and that what she had done amounted to stealing.

Ms Jeans said: "This was an astonishing breach of trust from someone who was considered to be a long-term friend.

"This was a deliberate and calculated fraud.

"When Mrs Randall heard Mrs Sutton was stealing from her, she started saying 'no, no' and crying.

"She was admitted to hospital in 2010 – it's said she never recovered from the shock of what was done and she passed away from ill health in December last year."

Sutton will now be sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court at a date yet to be decided.

Street parties for wedding

CELEBRATIONS are being planned across the city to mark the biggest wedding of the year.

Dozens of residents have got in touch with MK NEWS to say how they will be marking the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on April 29.

Some of the celebrations that will be taking place include a party with a fancy dress competition and dance show in the orchard in Western Road, Wolverton. Pupils from Russell Street School in Stony Stratford will also be holding a special party. Leonard and Jennifer Lean from Greenleys will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, while Diane and Gerry Simmonds from Bletchley will be marking 22 years since they walked down the aisle.

Restaurant and bar The Living Room, at The Hub, is also getting involved by releasing a recipe guide - which can be viewed at www.mk-news.co.uk - to help locals eat like royalty while watching the wedding.

Milton Keynes Council has received 12 strong expressions of interest in holding a street party, with three full applications already submitted.

With an extra bank holiday to mark the nuptials, how will you be celebrating? Let us know by emailing editor@mk-news.co.uk.

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Councillors vote to keep their cash

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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CITY councillors have voted in favour of not having their allowances cut.

As previously reported in MK NEWS, the leader of Milton Keynes Council, Cec Tallack, received £39,195 in allowances in the financial year 2010/11, while the combined cost to the taxpayer of the seven other cabinet members came to £155,995.

The Independent Remuneration Panel, which decides the amount members should receive, has recommended allowances stay the same for the financial year 2011/12.

And at a full council meeting last Tuesday, councillors voted in favour of this in a closed vote – it is believed only eight voted against.

However, cabinet members will each receive £1,800 less to cover the allowance of the seventh member, which had been funded by the council since they were elected in May last year.

> I am disappointed that we have not taken the opportunity of lowering the allowances, which I think would be the morally right thing to do

Finance and resources boss Cllr Sam Crooks

Councillor Sam Crooks, for finance and resources, voted against the recommendation and believes members should take a five per cent reduction.

He said: "I am disappointed that we have not taken the opportunity of lowering the allowances, which I think would be the morally right thing to do.

"The general feeling is that we should go with what the independent panel recommends, but I feel that this year is so exceptional and we should have taken a reduction.

Cllr Chris Williams, for housing, culture and leisure, also voted against the panel's recommendations.

He said: "I feel there is only a handful of councillors that would have taken a reduction.

"I would have wanted to see a reduction as we are seeing the people of Milton Keynes take on cuts this year and should be showing a sense of solidarity."

The St Patrick's Day parade passes through Fenny Stratford

Celebrating St Patrick

CITY residents dressed in green and enjoyed the craic on Saturday to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

A parade with Irish patriots, bands and dancers paraded from the Irish Centre to the central bandstand in Bletchley.

Special guests at the event included dancers from the McGill School of Irish Dancing, from Fenny Stratford, and Dermot Keeghan from the Irish Embassy in London.

Musicians also joined the crowd, alongside city figures Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, and Mayor Debbie Brock.

Mr Stewart said: "I very much enjoyed the privilege of participating in the St Patrick's Day parade in Bletchley. It was another opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity that makes Milton Keynes so unique."

St Patrick's Day will be offically celebrated tomorrow.

MK Mayor Debbie Brock with the manager of the Irish Centre Bletchley John O'Grady and daughter Ericka

Runners raise £15,000 for charity

FUNDRAISERS put on their running shoes to raise money for charity on Sunday.

The MK Half Marathon, held around Xscape, saw hundreds of runners take to the streets to raise money for CLIC Sargent Nurses.

Money from the event is still being collected, but it is hoped more than £15,000 will have been raised for the charity, which cares for children with cancer.

Gemma Jones, the running events fundraising manager, said: "Lack of funds means that CLIC Sargent can only help two out of three families who need us.

"Events such as the MK Half Marathon help us to get a step closer to reaching each and every one of them. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who ran for us and we hope you all enjoyed the day.

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Nurseries closure up for discussion

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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CLOSING children's nurseries in Milton Keynes should be a last resort, according to council watchdogs.

At a meeting on Thursday the executive scrutiny committee at Milton Keynes Council decided cabinet members should look again at plans to shut eight nurseries run by the authority.

The meeting was attended by more than 40 concerned parents and yesterday a 2,000 signiature petition was handed to the council to save Little Chestnuts Day Nursery in Bletchley – one of the nurseries that could be closed to save money.

The committee's decision comes after Councillor Nigel Long called-in the consultation document last month over alleged inconsistencies such as the ability of the private sector to take on children from the nurseries if they closed.

His call-in was supported by the committee, which also agreed closing the nurseries should only be considered after all other possibilities have been investigated.

Mr Long, councillor for Denbigh, said: "The committee supported my call-in and referred the consultation process back to cabinet for discussion.

Cllr Nigel Long outside under-threat Little Chesnuts Day Nursery

"The aim of the consultation document is the closure of the nurseries, but closure should be the last resort.

"I think it's a big step forward in saving the nurseries from closure, but there's still a long way to go."

Annette Pakes has two sons, aged three and four, who attend Little Chestnuts. She gave a presentation at the meeting, along with Cllr Long, to explain why the nurseries should be saved and to request the option of closure be taken off the table.

She said: "It was the result that we were all looking for, but the option of them closing still remains in the pipeline. At least the council is now saying it will look at all other avenues first."

The proposals are due to be discussed by the cabinet on Tuesday.

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£1m pledged to repair potholes

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MILTON Keynes Council has pledged to spend £1million on filling potholes over the next financial year.

The authority will be launching its spring pothole campaign on March 28 and is putting in a bid to the Government for a grant to cover the high number of pothole repairs caused by the worst winter in 30 years.

The campaign will cover both estates and grid roads and the council said it will minimise inconvenience of repair work by 'careful planning and keeping local people informed'.

Councillor Vanessa McPake, cabinet member for highways, said: "I am delighted that we are about to embark on our spring pothole campaign.

"We are in the process of buying a new, very large machine called a planer which will mean we can do large stretches of roads in one day, much faster and cheaper than just filling in piecemeal."

In the financial year 2010/11 the council repaired 6,429 potholes. A planer, which is often used for repairing potholes, will mean that larger areas of asphalt and concrete in roads can be removed.

Cllr McPake added: "Please will residents watch out for a leaflet through their door which will say when the work is being done in their street and then ensure they park on their drives that day, we don't want to have to skip stretches of roads due to parked cars."

Youth cabinet elected

A NEW youth cabinet has been elected to represent the city's teenagers.

Nineteen young people from Milton Keynes have been elected to the Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet.

Four of them were also chosen to represent Milton Keynes on a national scale on the UK Youth Parliament.

The two new Youth MPs are Elizabeth Beale, 14, and Graham Findlay, 17, who will be supported by deputy members Christopher Curtis, 16, and Soloman Moussa, 13.

Elizabeth said: "After the excitement of continuous campaigning my nerves were with me to receive the results. Sat there with my fingers crossed, all I could do was wait.

"It felt absolutely amazing to hear the amount of votes I got and to know that I now represent young people in Milton Keynes. I can't wait for the next two years, to make a difference and help create new experiences."

The MK Youth Cabinet meets twice a month and helps to organise campaigns, takes part in consultations on Milton Keynes issues, and influences council decision-makers to help improve opportunities for young people in the city.

The cabinet members will hold their first meeting in early May, after being elected on March 4.

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Albert and Joy Chick of Paddock Way, Fenny Stratford, shake hands with Peter Ray of Potton Windows, *left*, and Cllr Chris Williams after having their windows replaced

Early start to new windows project

A PROJECT costing £14million to insulate more than 3,400 council homes is now up and running.

The first of the repairs took place last Wednesday in Paddock Way, Fenny Stratford, and included replacing doors and putting in double glazing.

The issue of poor insulation and draughty windows and doors was highlighted by MK NEWS last year following complaints from residents in Burtree Close, Stacey Bushes, spearheaded by 65-year-old Sonje Plain.

Mrs Plain said: "It's great news. I had a letter on Friday telling me they would be coming to do the windows and they'll be coming next week hopefully.

"I'm absolutely thrilled. We've won. Thank you MK NEWS for standing by us. It will be nice and warm next year now."

Paddock Way residents Albert and Joy Chick and neighbours Colin and Margaret Clarke had their homes repaired last week.

Mrs Clarke, 72, said: "We're thrilled to bits with it. It looks nice as well as being a lot warmer."

This scheme will repair all council properties housing people aged 60 or over and all Bletchley homes currently fitted with metal windows.

Councillor Chris Williams is leading the five-year scheme.

He said: "We weren't meant to start until April, but we managed to find the money to allow us to start early.

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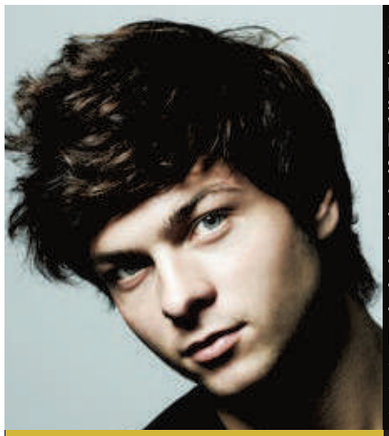

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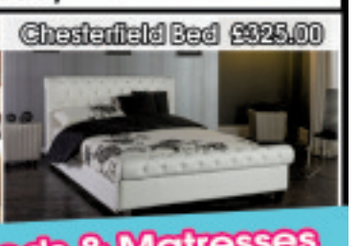

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The trees from the Woodland Trust have been awarded to Milton Keynes to celebrate the launch of the RHS Britain in Bloom 2011 competition, in which the city is a national finalist.

Mayor opens office
MK MAYOR Debbie Brock officially opened a new office for the Parents and Carers Alliance Milton Keynes on Friday. The office, in Newport Pagnell, provides a centre for parents and carers of disabled children to become involved in local services and training and advising professionals.

Digital roadshow
THE Sky Digital Switchover Roadshow will be coming to thecentre:mk to answer people's questions from tomorrow. The roadshow, which runs until Sunday, will include visits from children's favourite Dora the Explorer, BMX bike champion Mike Mullen and England and Great Britain's women's field hockey player Alex Danson.

Rotary raisers
MILTON Keynes Rotary Club raised more than £3,000 for local charities at a swimathon on Saturday – which saw participants swim 6,345 lengths of Stantonbury pool – and a fundraising event on February 26.

More midwives promise to MP

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE Government has been urged to carry on training more midwives after they helped turn around the city hospital's much-maligned maternity unit.

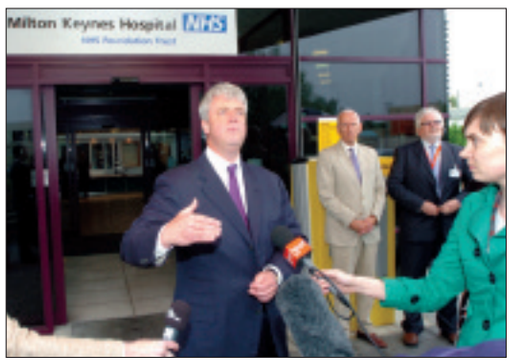
Midwifery was put back on the agenda last week as MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, asked health secretary Andrew Lansley to continue to train more midwives.

The problems at the hospital's maternity unit were well documented after the coroner cited inadequate staffing levels as a factor in the deaths of two babies in 2007 and 2009.

Strict conditions were then placed on the hospital to ensure its standards, the majority of which were lifted in October.

However, the hospital continues to provide one-to-one care supervision of all mothers who are in labour.

Mr Lansley said there is now a record number of midwives in training, something which he pledged to continue, and that in the early months of the new Government 296 extra midwives were employed by the NHS.



Dr Walter Greaves and interim chief executive Mark Millar look on as health secretary Andrew Lansley answers media questions at Milton Keynes Hospital

After his question, Mr Lancaster said: "I'm delighted this Government is committed to recruiting midwives.

"Milton Keynes Hospital has really turned things around. Its maternity unit is now an exemplar for staffing levels. Thanks to the hard work of the staff and the backing of ministers, I believe this upward trajectory will continue."

This is something the hospital's interim chief executive, Mark Millar, agrees with.

He said: "Our midwives and doctors have worked extremely hard to deliver significant improvements to our maternity services over the last year.

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They will be washing cars at Broughton and Great Holm fire stations from 10am to 2pm in return for donations to The Fire Fighters' Charity.

They have raised nearly £30,000 for the charity, which provides assistance to serving and retired fire and rescue service staff, their families and dependants, over the past five years.

Town turns out to oppose food store

Council meeting moved to church to accommodate protestors to supermarket

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THERE is a 'strong need for a larger food store in Stony Stratford'.

That is according to development consultants Barton Willmore, which is seeking planning permission to build a 2,261 sq m foodstore in Cofferidge Close.

But residents disagree and made their feelings known at a special meeting of Stony Stratford Town Council last Tuesday.

So far, the council has received more than 300 letters of objection to the plans and so many residents turned up to discuss the proposal at the meeting that it had to be moved into the church to accommodate them all.

People raised concerns including the size of the development, increased traffic, whether there was any need for it and aesthetics.

Employees of Barton Willmore, who were there representing developers CB Richard Ellis, tried to allay their concerns, but failed to convince town councillors that this is the best plan for the site and they voted to oppose the application when it comes before a planning committe later this year.

A spokesman for Barton Willmore said: "There is a strong need for a larger food store in Stony Stratford.

"Results of a survey carried out in the town in May last year showed 74 per cent of those who responded confirming they did not do their weekly food shopping in Stony Stratford because the existing food store did not currently meet their needs.

"The meeting on Tuesday night illustrated that some residents still have concerns about the proposed food store and we will continue to work with them to demonstrate the positive impact the new store would have on the vitality and viability of Stony Stratford as a whole".

Help needed to equip refuge

A NEW women and children's refuge for abuse victims is being built in Milton Keynes.

The facility will allow the families to have their own bathroom and kitchen facilities, which they previously had to share.

Coleen Kelly, is the service development manager at MK ACT, the charity working alongside Milton Keynes Council and Bedfordshire Pilgrims Housing Association to run the facility.

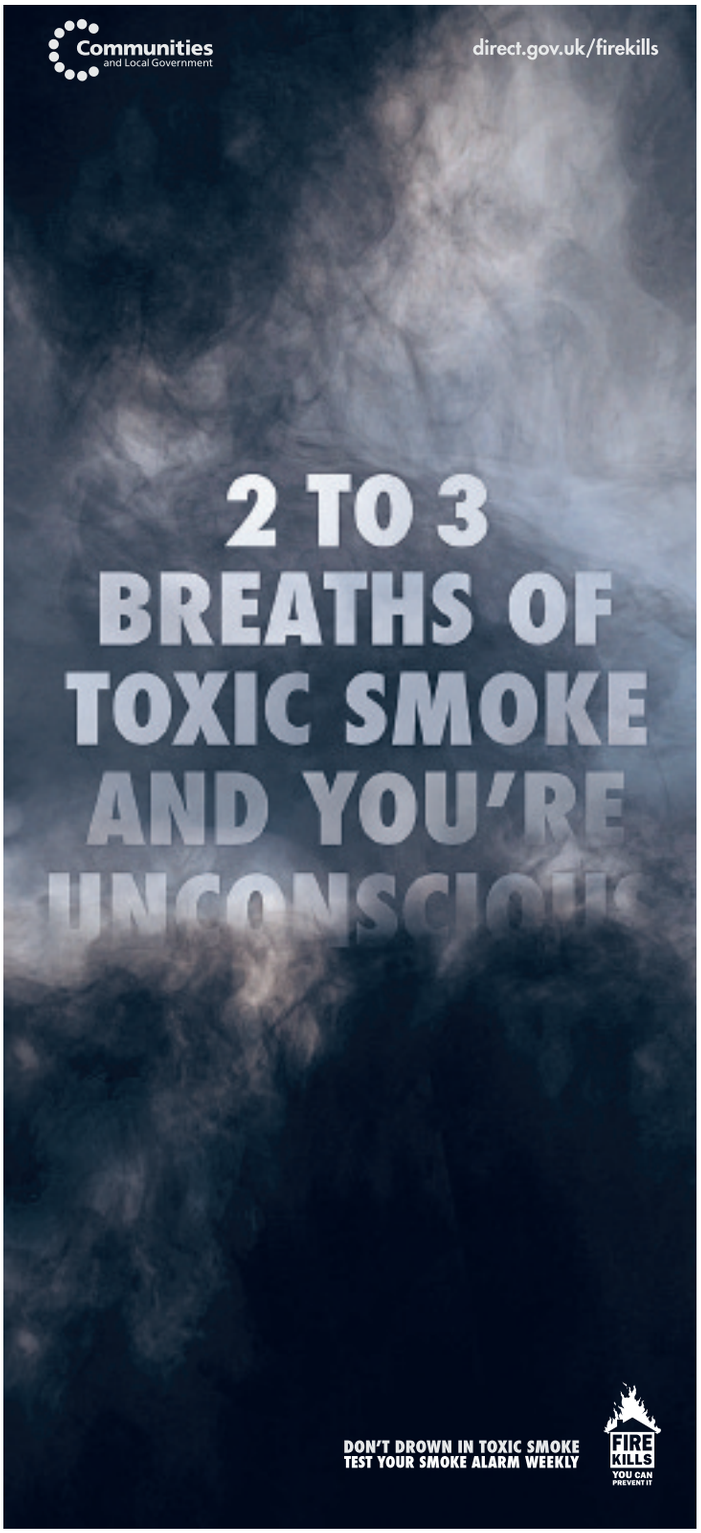
She said: "This purpose-built refuge will play an important part in helping us improve the safety of local families, meet their needs and reduce their vulnerability and suffering.

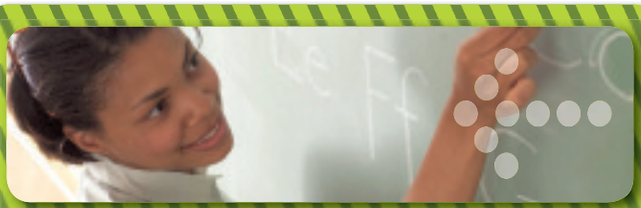
"We are grateful for the support we have received for the construction of the refuge but need desperately to raise funds to furnish and equip it. Often the women and children who use our services have to leave their homes in a hurry and abandon their possessions. Support from the local community, individuals or businesses would help these families who have suffered so much and would be greatly appreciated."

The development is expected to be completed by July this year and to mark International Women's Day, MK Mayor Debbie Brock visited the construction site on Tuesday last week.

She said: "This refuge will provide vital support and protection for vulnerable families at a crucial time in their lives. I hope the community of Milton Keynes will support MK ACT in its efforts to raise much needed funds to fully furnish this facility."

To donate to the refuge, visit www.mk-act.org.





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Garden waste is also accepted at our three Community Recycling Centres in Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall; North Crawley Road, Newport Pagnell and Newport Road, New Bradwell.

These are currently open every day from 8am-5pm but from April 1 opening times increase from 8am-8pm.

With several bank holidays coming up next month, your recycling and refuse collections will be affected. Milton Keynes Council and its waste contractor Serco will be delivering a bin hanger to each property in the coming weeks to let you know of the revised collection dates which come into effect on Good Friday (April 22).

The schedule is dependent on weather conditions and is subject to alteration in circumstances beyond our control.

In the unlikely event of extreme bad weather affecting collections please visit the council's website at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling and click on service updates for the most up-to-date refuse collection information.

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Young widows find a WAY to new social life

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A SUPPORT group with a difference is helping those who have lost a loved one get back on track.

The Milton Keynes branch of Widows and Young (WAY) has been set up for anyone aged 50 and under who has been widowed to meet people in a similar situation, get socialising and talk about their issues in an informal setting.

The group now has around 20 members who meet on a regular basis for nights out, away from the more traditional, stereotypical environment of formal widow support groups, and will soon start running events for children.

Emma Hales, 35, from Monkston, suddenly lost her 36-year-old husband Justin four years ago when he contracted chicken pox and died six days later.

She said: "My world completely fell apart. Everything stopped.

"I didn't know anyone of my age who had been widowed and I didn't know what to do and how to cope.

"But then I found WAY, which is all young widows, and I could speak to people in the same place as me."

Members of The Milton Keynes branch of Widows and Young Ruth Goodridge, Sian Woods and Emma Hales

Sian Woods, 36, whose 42-year-old husband Terry had a heart attack while cycling, said everything WAY do is informal and made to get people socialising again.

She said: "It's good to have a local group that's very active. You can just call someone if you fancy going out on a Saturday night when everyone else is doing something with their partners."

Ruth Goodridge, 44, lost her husband two years ago to cancer, and said for the first time with WAY, she didn't have to explain anything.

She added: "We all talk about it matter-of-factly, like the weather or kids. Now I've got a social life again."

■ For more information, e-mail youngwidowsofmk@ hotmail.co.uk.

City land in limbo after Partnership disbands

THE future of some of the city's land still hangs in the balance.

Milton Keynes Partnership (MKP), the quango which currently oversees the development of the city, is expected to be disbanded in the coming months, with its planning powers being transferred to Milton Keynes Council.

But the organisation currently owns 665 hectares of land in and around the city and, at the final meeting of the MKP Committee last Wednesday, no decisions were made as who will take over responsibility for it.

Paul Spooner, executive director of the Homes and Communities Agency in the Midlands, of which MKP is a part, said: "Options were discussed regarding the responsibility of MKP functions going forward to most effectively support the future prosperity of the city.

"No decisions have yet been made and we continue to work closely with MK Council to determine what model this may consist of."

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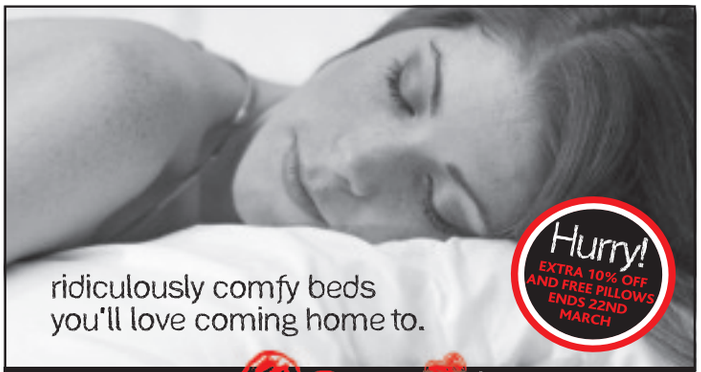

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Pedal power will aid park museum

A HISTORIAN will be riding a bike to Paris to raise money for Bletchley Park.

Dr Mark Baldwin, a long-time supporter of the museum at the park and expert on the Enigma machine, will set off on the 300-mile trip from Northampton on Friday, March 25.

The 66-year-old, who has borrowed a bike from his local postwoman, will be calling in at Bletchley Park on the way to London and then Newhaven where he will catch the Dieppe ferry three days later.

The final leg of the trip will take a further two days and he should arrive in Paris on Wednesday, March 30.

The pedal-pushing pensioner said: "I'll be riding with a college friend, John Cutler, an experienced cyclist. However, I've done little since leaving London 25 years ago, so I'm getting in a lot of road training."

Mark is hoping to raise £1,500 in sponsorship to help support the ongoing work at Bletchley Park.

Anyone who would like to make a donation can visit his webpage at www.justgiving.com/Mark-Baldwin.

Dr Mark Baldwin will cycle to Paris to raise money for Bletchley Park Museum

Top position for dance school principal

THE principal of a performing arts school in Stony Stratford has become a chairman at the world's leading dance examination board.

Myra Tiffin from the The Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School (MTPAS), which teaches students aged three to 18 ballet, modern, tap, jazz, hiphop, drama and singing, has been appointed chairman of the Imperial Society of Teachers' (ISTD) modern committee.

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The Association of Young People with ME (AYME) was set up 15 years ago when a city-based teacher, Gail Moss, contracted ME, or myalgic encephalopathy, and had to quit her job.

The illness, which has no known cause or cure, is characterised by extreme mental and physical exhaustion, which can't be overcome with sleep or rest, physical pain and cognitive impairment.

Mrs Moss then realised that, although an estimated 54,000 young people also have the illness, there's no support available.

The charity now works nationwide to provide young ME sufferers and their families with support.

Gail Moss set up The Association of Young People with ME (AYME) 15 years ago

And this year, funded by Comic Relief, it will be piloting a 'buddy' scheme, whereby former young sufferers give emotional support and guidance to current ones.

Katie James, project leader at AYME, said: "They 'buddy' young people who are severely affected and very much isolated because they don't go to school and their friends have forgotten about them. They meet an older person who has been through what they have and come out the other end.

"They're not counsellors and they don't give advice, they just give emotional and practical support like finding local services."

If you are holding an event for Red Nose Day on Friday and want to tell us about it, e-mail editor@mk-news.co.uk.

Trade in your old guitar and help out hospice

A MUSIC shop is hoping to hit the right notes for charity.

Willen Hospice has teamed up with Hollywood Music in High Street, Stony Stratford, for a guitar scrappage scheme with a minimum £100 trade-in towards a new USA Gibson or Fender model.

The scheme runs until April 30 and applies to any functioning acoustic, electric or bass guitars.

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Stepping back in time

Director of Milton Keynes Museum, Bill Griffiths

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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CITY residents are being urged to step back in time and support an important community treasure.

Milton Keynes Museum in Wolverton was founded in 1973 when a group of local people began to collect items found in farms and factories that were being closed to make way for the new city development.

Since then the independent venue at Stacey Hill Farm, which is run almost entirely by volunteers, has become home to thousands of exhibits, all of which have a connection to the local community. Most of them can also be picked up or touched by visitors.

Director of the museum, Bill Griffiths, said: "We are a community asset. The word museum puts people off, but people don't realise how interactive we are.

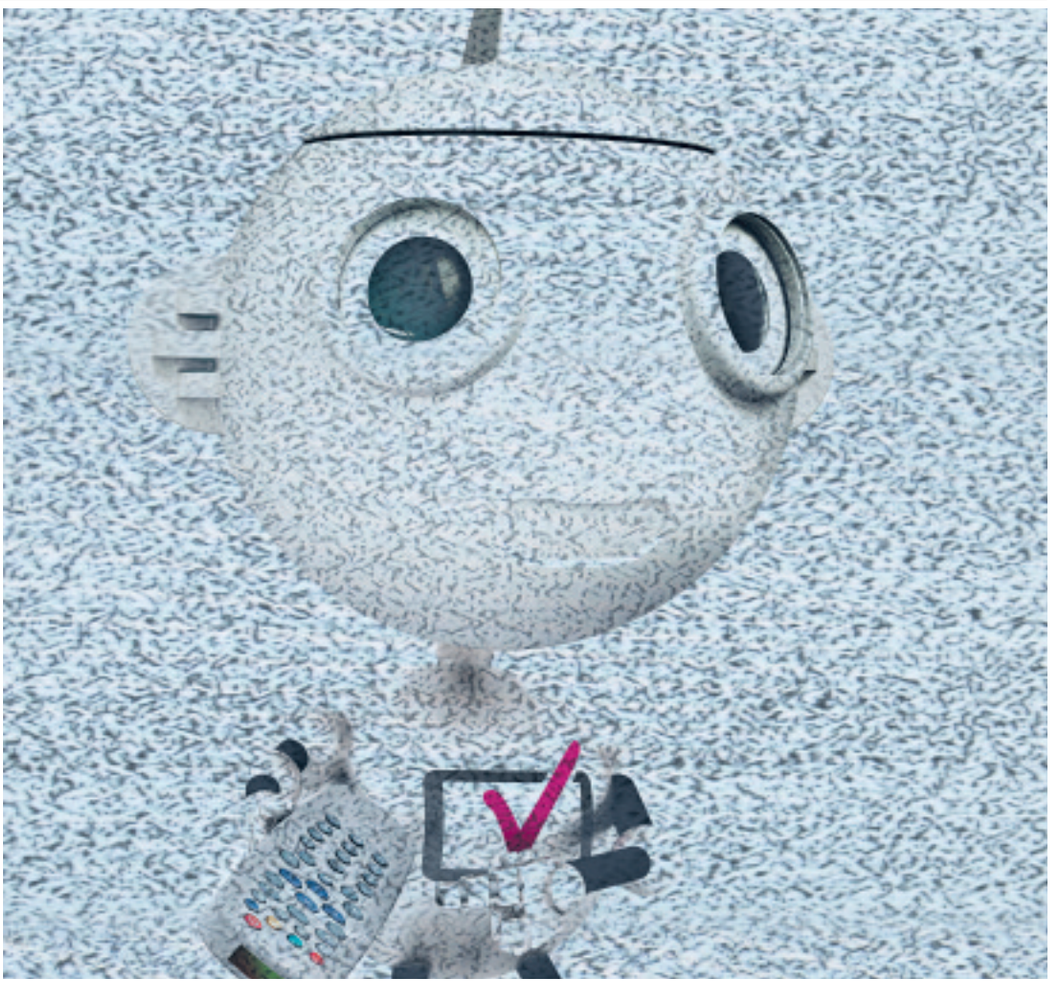
"Older people like us because there's things they can relate to and children like us because there's things they can engage in. We put hardly anything in glass cases. Telephones for example – a museum that puts telephones in glass cases is missing the point. We've also tried to keep our admission prices as low as possible, as we depend on entry money."

The museum, which opens its doors for the summer season on April 1, has a wide programme of events, including an MK History Festival in May and Wolverton Day in June. It also has the UK's largest collection of BT telephone equipment and is currently building a new exhibition, which will be eight times the size of the current well-loved display.

Bill added: "There's so much history here. Milton Keynes is more than a shopping centre.

"We have around 120 volunteers here, 100 of which have been around for several years. They do everything. I think what the volunteers have achieved here is fantastic."

To find out more about the museum, visit www.mkmuseum.org.uk.



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COMPETITION

Design a logo and win Dons tickets

Matt Cove, business development manager for MK Dons SET, wants to make football accessible to everyone in MK

COULD you design a logo that represents football across the city and at the same time win four tickets to see MK Dons?

MK NEWS has teamed up with Milton Keynes Local Football Partnership (MKLFP), a new city football initiative, to offer readers the chance to enter this exclusive competition.

MKLFP, which includes MK Dons, youth leagues, clubs, schools, the council and Berks and Bucks FA, was set up to co-ordinate activities in Milton Keynes.

To do this, the partnership has set up a website, www.mklfp.com, which is a one-stop-shop where young footballers can get access to clubs, matches, leagues, training sessions and other information they need to develop their skills.

MKLFP now needs to create its own identity and is asking MK NEWS readers to design a logo for its website. The logo should represent the footballing one-stop-shop nature of the website and the whole of football across Milton Keynes.

Winners will be chosen in three categories – under eights, eight to 18, and 18 plus – who will all win four tickets to see MK Dons take on Carlisle on Saturday, April 9 and be taken pitchside.

There, the overall winner will be announced and presented with a signed MK Dons first-team shirt.

HOW TO ENTER

Entries complete with name, address, age category, telephone number and e-mail address should be posted to MKLFP Logo Comp, MKLFP, stadiummk, Stadium Way, MK1 1ST, or e-mailed, with the title of MKLFP Logo Comp, to enquiries@mklfp.com.

Closing date is Wednesday, March 30, with winners being notified by April 6.

Important announcement affecting your Freeview TV services.

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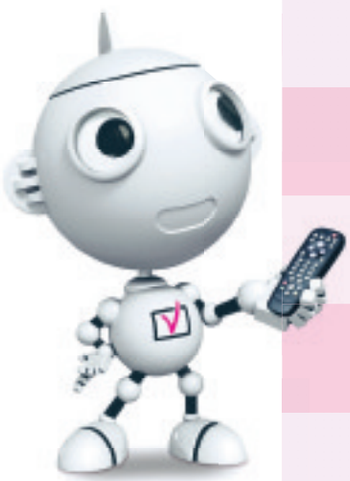

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Arts and crafts fair
A SPRING arts and crafts fair will take place on Saturday to raise funds for Milton Keynes Age UK.

It will be held above the Age UK shop in High Street, Stony Stratford, between 10.30am and 4pm and will include homemade cakes, handcrafted gifts and refreshments.

Tea and cakes
LOCAL disability charity MK Snap will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Monday.

The charity cares for 23 people who suffer with the disorder and will be holding an event with tea and cakes for the public to attend at its offices in Walnut Tree from 1.45pm.

Fairtrade tasting
CUSTOMERS had a taste of Fairtrade at The Co-operative store in Olney on Thursday.

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight they also learnt about where the products come from and why it is so important for small producers, as well as tasting samples available in store.

Drama group award
THE Third Age Players were awarded a distinction and a silver cup at the MK Festival of the Arts earlier this month.

The drama group, based at the MK University of the Third Age, acted a 15-minute extract from Breath of Spring by Peter Coke, the comedy they performed in full at The Chrysalis Theatre last October.

School bank teaches money management

YOUNGSTERS are learning how to manage their money by running their own bank.

NatWest has helped Cold Harbour School pupils in Bletchley to set up a bank and help them understand the basics of running an account and managing money.

The bank is run by youngsters who applied for the job and received cashier and marketing training from Sue Foster, customer service advisor at Natwest's Silbury Boulevard branch.

Teacher Louise Aird said: "The students are really excited about this venture. It's very important that they gain basic money management and enterprise skills and setting up, running and using their own bank is an extremely practical and fun way of doing this and brings alive what happens in real life."

The pupils also receive regular statements, which NatWest staff go through with them, to help them understand how a bank account works.

The bank, set up last month, will remain at the school for as long as the children wish to use it.

Mrs Foster said: "The importance of financial capability for young people cannot be underestimated, as it is essential that they are equipped with the skills and confidence required to make decisions in adult life."

Sue Foster, customer service advisor at Natwest's Silbury Boulevard branch, with pupils from Cold Harbour School

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Local political parties' views on vote change

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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RESIDENTS are being urged to have their say on the way our MPs are elected this spring.

At a full meeting of Milton Keynes Council last Tuesday, councillors agreed to raise awareness of the 'alternative vote' (AV) scheme and the referendum on May 5. Nationally, the Liberal Democrats are encouraging people to take part in the 'Yes Campaign' and support scrapping the current first past the post system, whereas the Conservatives are recommending voters reject the AV scheme. But what are the local party leaders' views?

LIB DEM PARTY

Leader of the Milton Keynes' Liberal Democrat party, Cllr Cec Tallack

"THE Liberal Democrats are supporting the 'yes' campaign because we think the current voting system is unfair.

"The big advantage of having an AV system is that you will need a majority of voters in a constituency to support you in order to be elected.

"It will also reduce the number of safe seats, meaning MPs will have to work harder. With the current system it is usually clear which party will win where.

"AV will ensure the system is fairer, giving people a greater opportunity to influence what happens in Parliament."

CONVERSATIVE PARTY

Leader of the local Conservative Party, Cllr Andrew Geary

"I'M NOT in favour of AV, and even the Lib Dem leader [Nick Clegg] refers to it as a measly little compromise.

"First past the post is the most simple system and it's one that everyone understands.

"With a proportional representation system, you need to vote for a party or organisation and that means losing the constituency link, which to me would be fundamentally wrong.

"MPs are often elected because they are good at their job. That is your choice."

LABOUR PARTY

Leader of the local Labour party, Cllr Norman Miles

"THE referendum could be an important constitutional change, but in my view it is being rushed.

"It's a complicated change and people need to understand what they are being asked to make a decision on.

"Also, there's no suggestion of changing the system for any other elections, other than the parliamentary elections. I think we should be considering them all. First past the post is very well understood by the public and a lot of people trust it, even if very often it leads to the election of the less unpopular candidate, rather than those with a majority."

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Students visit south east Asia

BY XENIA RIMMER
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STUDENTS have taken part in a geography field trip of a lifetime.

Thirteen sixth form students from Oakgrove School spent ten days touring Vietnam and Cambodia, taking in the sights, sounds, delicacies and history.

They travelled by plane, coach, bus, riverboat, speedboat, cyclo and even three-wheeled tuk-tuks as their adventure took them to places like Saigon and its narrow Cu Chi Tunnels, which were used by Viet Cong guerrillas as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes during the Vietnam War.

The group also visited Cambodian capital Phnom Penh and the Museum of Genocidal Crimes, which offered them an insight into the regime of dictator Pol Pot.

Commenting on a visit to the ancient temples at Angkor Wat, Xenia Rimmer, 17, said: "Walking through the jungle in the pre-dawn darkness, armed with only a torch, was a breathtaking experience. After watching the sun rise beautifully over the temple, we explored the inner sanctums of the magnificent buildings."

Teacher Ian Tett, who organised the trip with the help of the students and Travel Indochina, said everyone who went got a lot out of their time there. "It was really just an experience for the students, to go somewhere they had never been before, to visit different cultures and we did a whole range of activities," he said. "We did a homestay in the Mekong Delta and travelled up to the Vietnam-Cambodia border by boat – it was more of an adventure than anything else."

Oakgrove School students on their south east Asia trip

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Shadow minister for education Toby Perkins, *centre*, visted MK Academy to ask students about apprenticeships

Shadow schools minister quizzes academy students

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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MILTON Keynes Academy has had a visit from the Labour shadow minister for education.

Toby Perkins visited the school on Thursday to discuss with sixth form students the Government's plans to scrap apprenticeships.

Mr Perkins said: "I had a trip around the school and learnt about some of the exciting opportunities that are available and heard about some of the challenges facing the school at this time.

"One of the key things is the Government's downgrading of some of the vocational education. The academy is going to have to change some of its key strategies to fit in with Government legislation."

The academy's director of enterprise, Sean Hickey, spoke with the MP about its progress and the purpose of vocational courses.

He said: "Mr Perkins was interested in the work done by the academy on business enterprise and vocational training.

"We try to encourage pupils to develop employable skills – such as communication skills.

"He was particularly interested in the impact the school has on the community, as we cater for the most deprived communities of the city.

"He also spoke to some of the students who told him how the school has improved since it was Sir Frank Markham Community School.

"I think he just wanted to see how we were getting on. We represent a significant investment from the last government."

Prior to visiting the academy, Mr Perkins – MP for Chesterfield – spoke to headteachers and other key staff at the Buckinghamshire School Leadership Academy.

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Martin Jackson (pictured above) succeeded in completing his Men in Childcare course and is now working at the Milton Keynes College Early Years Nursery. He obtained Community Studies Student of the Year in 2009.

Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes College are offering an Induction Course which could lead to a qualification for men looking to work in childcare. These courses start in April and September and are fully funded by Milton Keynes Council.

No qualifications are needed.

There will be a briefing session held at the college before the courses commence.

For more information and to find out dates for the briefing sessions, please contact the Early Years Workforce Team on 01908 254529 or email growchildcare@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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MK BUSINESS

Mobile shop takes strain out of buying kids' shoes

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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PUT your feet up and take the trauma out of shopping for school shoes with one city sole trader.

Trained shoe fitter Sandra Bettison operates a novel business which helps parents take the stress out of the annual hunt for their kids' back-to-school shoes.

Sandra, 42, from Monkston Park, takes her Shoes for School mobile shop to homes for 'shoe parties', with a number of parents taking their children to get fitted at the same time.

She also takes her stall into schools across the city, where mums and dads can just drop in after lessons or make an appointment in advance.

Sandra spent 20 years in retail and customer service before starting up the business, formerly called Two Feet, which she now runs part-time.

She currently has seven schools which she visits at different times throughout the year and is getting increasing interest from parents wanting to hold shoe parties.

She said: "This provides parents with a much more convenient service to buy school shoes. They don't have to go to shops and buy with all of the trauma of shopping.

Megan Osborn with her new shoes fitted by Shoes for School owner Sandra Bettison

"I'm a trained shoe fitter so provide a professional service and I receive on-going training from the Society of Shoe Fitters.

"The schools feel it's a convenient service, but I don't provide it for uniform policies – it's all for helping time-poor parents.

"I bring the shoe shop to your home. There's no-one else doing it in Milton Keynes, so it's unique here."

Tea and technology served up at new shop

TEA lovers are in for a treat after a new company bagged a cosy shop in Milton Keynes.

Tea Monkey, described as 'tea and technology' by founder Tracey Bovingdon, will offer 40 different types of tea and be kitted-out with all the latest gadgets for adults and children alike, such as wall-mounted i-Pads.

Miss Bovingdon said: "Tea Monkey has been born out of the idea that we are a tea-drinking nation. I think it's about time we gave people more choice. Coffee shops have their place, but I dislike having a tea bag in a plastic cup for a premium price.

"People work very hard for their money and they deserve better.

"We will be offering products that may not be found elsewhere and will buy from small UK companies where possible. It's important that we support small businesses."

The tea shop will open in Midsummer Place, Central Milton Keynes, in the last week of March.

MK NEWS BRIEFS

Biscotti just the business

A NEW networking event was launched today at the Ramada Encore, Midsummer Boulevard, CMK. Business Biscotti will meet once a month at different venues. The first one will be held at Turtle Bay, The Hub, today from 9.30-11.30am. Entry is £3.

Pain-free hair removal

BLOOM Healthcare clinic is the first in the city to offer the latest in pain-free hair removal. The Soprano XL is the only hair removal and skin tightening system suitable for use with all skin colours and types and is now available for use at the clinic in Woughton On The Green.

Childcare company in top 100

CHILDCARE company Childbase, in Newport Pagnell, has come 23rd in The Sunday Times Top 100 Best Companies to Work For list.

It was also ranked first out of 100 for making the best use of employee's skills and second for personal growth – ensuring employees are challenged and given opportunities for career development.

Dealership drives into city

A NEW Wayside BMW and Mini dealership opened on March 8, bringing ten new jobs to the city.

The impressive new development, at the junction of Childs Way and Northfield Drive, features a new car showroom for BMWs and a used car facility displaying more than 100 vehicles inside and out.

Banking on nest sites

SANTANDER painted classrooms at North Crawley School last month at the start of its national community project. The bank also planted 1,400 saplings at the Stony Stratford nature reserve on March 4 as part of an ongoing project with The Parks Trust to create ideal nesting conditions for wetland birds.

Five-year fundraisers

THE Fountain Harvester has been named a Gold Supporter of children's charity Make A Wish Foundation. The salad and grill chain has raised £150,000 over the last five years.

Vet nurse up for award

A VETERINARY nursing assistant has been shortlisted for Vet Support Staff of the Year in the prestigious Petplan Vet Awards for 2011.

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SIMON DARNELL

TRUE FAITH
George Michael

I'VE long argued that if you're going to cover an old song you really should put your own stamp on it, otherwise it's not worth the effort.

With that in mind, this particular cover is so utterly terrible that I'm half-tempted to take back what I said.

Thing is though, if I do that I automatically justify the existence of some of Ronan Keating's biggest hits.

Oh George Michael, why do you give me this dilemma?

So, where do we start?

Well, let's have a look at the sheer amount of AutoTune that's been thrown at Mr Michael's vocals, shall we?

AutoTune's supposed to be used on vocals that need a bit of tweaking to make them good, but George has been singing for 30 years and, let's be fair, he should be getting pretty good at it by now.

If you use AutoTune to this extent on a singer this good you end up with something that sounds not entirely unlike a Speak and Spell machine throwing up after a night on the tiles.

What's next?

Well, there's the tune. When New Order played it, True Faith had one – that's the difference.

This has been slowed down so much it feels like a one minute song that's been stretched out to four.

Any sense of urgency has gone, as has any meaningful guitar action and as for the bass, well, nothing was ever going to compare to Peter Hook's efforts.

In fact, do you know what? The George Michael cover is such a depressing song to listen to, I'm going to recommend you buy the original instead.

By all means give your 99p to Comic Relief – it's a good cause after all – but if you're going to buy True Faith you might as well do it properly.

TRUE FAITH
New Order

FROM the moment the drums kick in to the final fade out, this is better in every way possible.

Bernard Sumner sings the words without trying anything clever, the tune powers along at a decent pace and you get an extra two minutes of music for the same price.

This also has a big finish, whereas the remake just, well, dawdles.

The original even has the cheek to be blessed with one of the best record sleeve designs ever.

In terms of quality, George Michael's version is so far behind New Order's it's been lapped.

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Something for eveyone in a sensational summer season

LAST week we exclusively revealed the return of Sir Ian McKellen in the black comedy The Syndicate.

Now the full summer season at the theatre has been anounced.

History is in the making when it plays host to the world premiere of Top Hat – see Fred and Ginger's greatest Hollywood dance musical live on stage for the very first time this August.

There's even a special VIP package available for those who want to experience a true Hollywood-style red carpet premiere.

For non-stop hits join in the celebration of the undisputed king of pop in Thriller Live, direct from the West End, in May. This spectacular celebrates the career of the 'world's greatest entertainer' – Michael Jackson.

Get ready to hand jive the night away as Grease (May 24-June 4) is bound to warms up those summer nights.

Another hotly-anticipated return to MK is Marti Pellow in a major new production of the hit Broadway musical, Jekyll And Hyde (June 24-July 2).

Ballet buffs will revel in the annual visit from Northern Ballet in May when it brings a legend to life in a new production of the ultimate 'modern' woman, Cleopatra.

In June dance aficionados can look forward to some sizzling Latin passion from Strictly Come Dancing's Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace in their live sensual show Midnight Tango, bringing one of the most elegant forms of dance to life live on stage.

Also in June the gripping and powerful drama Verdict is performed by the hugely successful Agatha Christie Theatre Company, featuring Robert Duncan and Peter Byrne taking you down a path of mystery and intrigue.

Robert Daws, Neil Pearson, Gwyneth Strong and Serena Evans will have you rolling in the aisles, as eight plays, 24 characters, one dinner party and an unusual flight announcement tell farcical tales of gizmos, gadgets and humans on the blink in Michael Frayn's Alarms and Excursions during July.

Great kids' entertainment comes in the form of Shaun the Sheep in his music and dance extravaganza Shaun's Big Show (July) and Roary the Racing Car zooms into town in September for one night only to wrap up the family fun.

Other one night shows include music from The British Pink Floyd Show (April), while May is the month for Queen legend Brian May and Kerry Ellis with their brand new Anthems Tour.

The Rat Pack returns in a Vegas Spectacular in July, as does former G4 front man Jonathan Ansell and a spectacular night of music from Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will bring back the 40s during August, and September brings you one of Britain's favourite divas, Jane Macdonald. It also recreates the magic of Take That in Back for Good and you can relive the 50s, 60s and 70s with the 25th Aniversary tour of That'll Be The Day.

One-night specials will tickle your funny bones with the weird bloke from Mock the Week, Milton Jones – and a funky, funny show from Lenny Henry as he takes you From Cradle to Rave, plus the razor sharp observational wit from cockney Micky Flanagan.

And everyone's favourite pub landlord Al Murray opens the bar during the very merry month of May.

Jimmy Carr gives you a dose of Laughter Therapy in June as does the unmissable Dylan Moran.

Stealing a look at ahead at the autumn season the superbly touching drama Journey's End comes to town as does the world's most successful rock 'n' roll musical Buddy, along with the sell-out sensation Slava's Snowshow.

Glyndebourne on Tour returns with three shows in one week and the sensational, award-winning South Pacific laps our shores for two weeks in October. Visit www.ambassadortickets.com.

My gaff, my rules: Al Murray is the pub landlord, appearing in May

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Pirates, plus other heroes and rogues from the Verney family, are the theme of an exhibition and events throughout the year at Claydon.

In his 20s Sir Francis decamped to Tunis where he 'turned Turk', converted to Islam and joined a North African pirate fleet.

When he died in extreme poverty in Messina, he left just his turban, a silk robe and a pair of Ottoman slippers.

These extraordinary 400-year-old garments are on show, together with a selection of letters and papers from the family archive, to give a fascinating personal glimpse into the lives of some of the family's heroes and rogues.

For dates and details of all Claydon House events go to the National Trust website - www.nationaltrust.org.uk/claydonhouse.

Another treasure close by is Stowe Landscape Gardens which is celebrating the start of spring by proudly embracing the great outdoors.

Claydon House

David Brooks, National Trust property manager at Stowe said: "After such a gloomy start to the year I'm making the most of the opportunity to get out and enjoy some fresh air.

"A Stowe the spring flowers are looking great and many of the shrubs and trees are starting to produce buds. It's also your chance to spot wildlife as they start to emerge after their winter retreat."

While wandering around the vast gardens you can see the beautiful display of native daffodils, spot primroses, snakeshead fritillaries, anemones, violets, vinca and crown imperial fritillaries.

Among the wildlife there are three birds of particular importance. You might spy sand martins as they return from their winter in Africa or great crested grebes – watch out for their courtship dance as they find new mates for the season.

Romance will also be in the air for mute swans as they begin to search for a partner at this time of year.

Other wildlife that is also waking up includes muntjac deer, owls, badgers and foxes and if you're lucky you can spot all of these at Stowe.

The gardens are open Wednesdays to Sundays from 10.30am until 5.30pm.

To find out more log onto www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowegardens.

DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

NORTH Bucks Speakers meeting 7.15pm. The Well at Willen. Guests welcome. Free. For more information, visit www.mktoastmasters.co.uk.

SPRING garden pond start up. Darren Bruce on how to get your garden pond ready for another season. Frosts Garden Centre, Woburn Sands, 10.30-11.30am. Call 01908 583511.

THE White Horse, Stony Stratford. Formed before St Patrick rid Ireland of snakes, Acchord have been getting toes tapping Celt-wise for years. 9pm. Free.

MK mind yoga and relaxation sessions. York House, Stony Stratford, 12.30-1.30pm. All abilities welcome, £2 per session. No need to book, simply turn up.

SCRATCH Night at MK Gallery, Theatre District. Entr'acte presents Sound Art with Adam Asnan, Jacques Beloeil, Theo Burt, Tim Wright and Mark Vernon. Starts 6.45pm. Free, but donations welcome.

FRIDAY

COME all Ye Singers at The Song Loft, Stony Stratford.
Local artists get a chance to showcase their talents, and it need not be singing, why not give it a go. Starts 8.15pm, £2

BLETCHLEY Forum meeting, 7-9pm. Bletchley Campus Room 215B. Focus on Bletchley transport strategy.

THE Astronomers Royal. Talk by Dr Ann Bonell organised by MK Astronomical Society. Rectory Cottages, Church Green Road, Bletchley, 8pm. Free, all welcome.

Tell MK NEWS readers about YOUR event

- Do you have a fundraising event that you would like to publicise?
- Does your club have regular meetings that you want to tell others about?
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Send details to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk, or call 01908 689586.

Remember to get the details to us at least two weeks before the event and we will publish them, space permitting.

HI RES at The Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Club night featuring Jon Chase with disco, Darren Baker blazing the funk discs and Dan Butler with jazz. Entrance £4. Starts 9pm. Over 18s only.

NEWPORT Pagnell Farmers' Market, Market Hill, 15 stalls, 9am-2pm.

SATURDAY

MK PROSPECTS, Church of Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall, 7pm. Encouraging people with learning disabilities to know more about our Lord. Further details from Tony Welch on 01908 612351.

MUSICAL Bite, St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford. Bring your own instrument or voice to learn an arrangement followed by a short performance at noon. Starts 10am. To book visit www.smsg-organ-appeal.co.uk.

ROLL out the Barrel, Heath Barn, Heath and Reach. Andy Collier performs WW2 songs. Starts 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (£4 concs) Reservations 01234 766228, or pay at the door.

CHURCH of Christ the Cornerstone, CMK. Milton Keynes Chorale perform Brahms Requiem led by new conductor, Tom Appleton. Tickets £15 and £12 (concs £2 off) and under 16s £1 from 01908 320958, or www.mkchorale.org.uk.

THE White Horse, Stony Stratford. Parallel Blondie. She sounds like Debbie and looks like the younger DH, and the band is hot. From 9pm. Free.

MK CITY Orchestra chamber roots at Stantonbury Theatre. Under the baton of Sian Edwards this concert features solos from young violinist Yoshika Masuda alongside the orchestra's princpal oboist Graham Salter. Tickets £18.

SUNDAY

ORIENTEERING in Shenley Wood. Learn how to use a map while having fun in the parks. From 10 to noon. Meet in the car park, Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street. Cost is £3. Run by South Midlands Orienteering Club. www.smoc.info.

WAGGY Walks at Willen. Excercise yourself and your dog with the Parks Trust. From 10-11.30am. Meet in the Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street. Cost is £1 per dog.

MONDAY

LITTLE Cherubs playgroup meets 9.30-11.30am at York House, Stony Stratford. All pre-school age children including babies are welcome with their parents and carers. Costs £2 per family.

YORK House Centre, Stony Stratford. Two youth clubs for different ages - 6-7.30pm for school years four and five and 7.30-9pm for school years six and seven. Subs £1. For more details call 01908 563361 or go to www.york-house.org.uk.

TUESDAY

LITTLE Fishes Baby and Toddler Group Methodist Church, Silver Street, Stony Stratford, 9.30-11.30am. A baby and toddler group which offers toys, crafts and refreshments. Costs £1.50 – all welcome.

WEDNESDAY

MYPLAYCE Youth Club, Stony Stratford. Children's Play Centre, 6.30-8pm. For ages eight to 14. Admission £1. For more call playleader Linda Kehoe on 562485.

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Steve Day

THE COMEDY CLUB

City Limits, Xscape
Tomorow, 7.30pm.

A DEAF yet hearing man, a gentleman with a guitar and the UK's fastest-rising Muslim comedian enter a bar. You already know this is going to be hilarious.

First up is host comedian for the evening Imran Yusuf, who is renowned for his street-slang and high energy performance.

Next is the uniquely warm and witty Steve Day who deals with the dilemmas of a being a deaf man in a hearing world. His stories of multiple children, wearing a suit and the problems caused by not knowing how words are pronounced will have audiences in raptures.

And last but not least is headlining act Richard Morton. Comedian, singer, songwriter and winner of the Time Out Comedy Award, Richard has built up a formidable reputation as a live stand-up, having completed UK tours with Jack Dee, Lee Evans, Jo Brand, Lily Savage and Phill Jupitus.

The evening will include waitress service, candle-lit tables and a joke competition with prizes.

Tickets £13.

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Gifford Park

THE owners have extended and completely renovated this five-bedroom house and one-bedroom annexe, creating a spacious master bedroom with dressing area and an ensuite with oversized walk-in shower.

The property faces onto a green and is on a substantial plot with mature trees at the rear.

There are refitted kitchens and bathrooms with ensuites to both the master and second bedrooms – all decorated to a high specification throughout.

Internal viewing is highly recommended.

The property comprises entrance hall, cloakroom/wc, refitted kitchen/dining room, utility room, sitting room, master bedroom with dressing area, second bedroom with ensuite, three further double bedrooms, shower room, double garage, driveway parking and front and rear gardens. The annexe boasts a refitted kitchen, utility room, bathroom, studio room and side garden access.

The property is on the market for £499,995 freehold. Contact Black & White Estate Agents on 01908 550660.

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• Detached Four Bedroom Property
• Enviable Location • Refitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• En Suite To Master • Private Gated Access
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New Bradwell £600,000

NEW

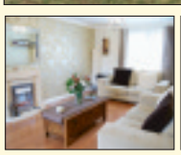
• Barn Conversion • Five Bedrooms
• Lounge/Dining Room •Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Utility Room •Two Ensuite Bathrooms
• Private Driveway •Rear Garden

Furzton £425,000

NEW

• Four Bedroom Detached with views over Furzton Lake
• Three Reception Rooms •Downstairs WC and Utility Room
• Conservatory • Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Gardens • Driveway • Double Garage

Kingsmead £445,000



• Immaculately presented detached residence
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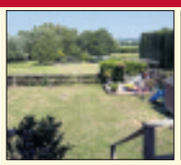
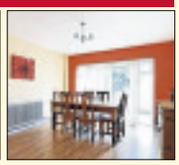



•NO UPPER CHAIN•
• Refurbished stylish family home
• Separate reception rooms
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Master bedroom with en suite and dressing room
• Mature gardens
• Tandem garage

Furzton £500,000

•Well presented detached residence situated on a corner plot
•Two reception rooms •Kitchen/Breakfast room
•Downstairs shower room
•Master Bedroom with dressing room and en suite •3 further bedrooms
•Off road parking for 4/5 vehicles and double garage

Giffard Park £499,950

•Beautifully presented detached residence
•Five double bedrooms •Ensuite and dressing room to master
•Numerous reception rooms
•Generous private parking and double garage •Mature front and rear gardens

Furzton Lake Offer I.E.O. £760,000

• Four Bedrooms Exclusive Detached
• Four Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Family Room
• Utility room and Cloakroom
• Family Bathroom • Three En suites
• Double Garage • Rear garden with views across Furzton Lake

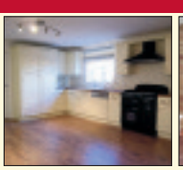
Shenley Church End Offers over £660,000

• Six Bedroom Detached Property
• Five/Six Reception Rooms
• 35ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Three Bathrooms
• Wrap Around Gardens
• Ample Off Road Parking
• Detached Oversize Double Garage
• Viewing Recommended

Furzton £600,000

• An impressive five bedroom detached residence • Benefiting from an elevated position looking down onto Furzton Lake. • The standard of the property's decorative order is excellent throughout. • Offering extensive off road parking.
• Detached double garage.
• Four receptions. • Five bedrooms. • Three en-suites and family bathroom. • This imposing property must be viewed early to avoid disappointment.

Oxley Park Offers over £400,000



• Immaculately Presented • Beautifully Located
• Overlooking the North Bucks Way
• Four Bedrooms • Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Gardens • Ample Off Road Parking
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Grange Farm OIEO £200,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En Suite to Master
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Garage

Bradwell Common £274,995

- Extremely Well Presented
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master
- Parking & Garage
- Rear Garden

Neath Hill O.I.E.O. £100,000

- Top Floor
- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Central Location
- Gas Heating
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

Willen Park O.I.E.O. £135,000

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Refitted Wet Room
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- No Chain

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Springfield £85,000

- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Grounds
- Off Road Parking

Bradwell Common £95,000

- Four bedroom property
- Shared ownership
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Gardens to front, side and rear
- Garage and parking

Ashlands £42,000

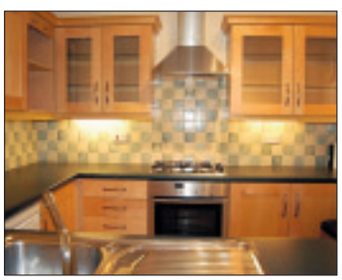
- 2 Bedrooms
- Gas to Radiator Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Shared Ownership
- Allocated Parking

Bolbeck Park £189,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Re- Fitted Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Wavendon £235,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Ensuite to Master
- Garage
- Allocated Parking



Bradwell £309,950

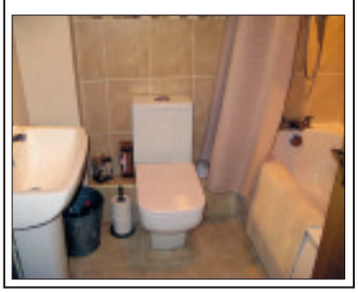
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Cul de Sac Location
- Three Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- ORP & Double Garage

Emerson Valley £169,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Single Garage

Emerson Valley £157,995

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden
- Garage



Medbourne £69,500

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom
- Top Floor Apartment
- Lounge With Balcony
- Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Shared Ownership Scheme
- No Upper Chain

Wavendon Gate £155,000

- Two Double Bedroom
- End of Terrace
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking

Netherfield £119,995

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Cloakroom
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gardens

Oldbrook £139,950

- Three/four bedroom townhouse
- Bedroom one with shower area
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- No upper chain

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New Bradwell Guide Price £74,000

- One Bedroom
- Apartment
- Refitted Shower Room
- Lounge
- Kitchen

New Bradwell £110,000

- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford OIEO £145,000

- Extended semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge and family room
- Gardens to front and rear

Two Mile Ash OIEO £135,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Much Improved Property
- Double Glazing
- Refitted Kitchen
- Garden
- One Reception Room

Greenleys £115,000

- End of terrace home
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage in block

Bancroft £160,000

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage and Driveway

Stony Stratford Offers Over £230,000

- Extremley Well Presented
- Three/Four Bedroom
- Bungalow
- Refitted Kitchen And Bathroom
- Garage
- Must be Viewed

Stony Stratford OIEO £160,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Style Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden

Greenleys £215,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

New Bradwell OIEO £125,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Victorian Mid Terrace Property
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

Hanslope OIEO £180,000

- Well Presented
- End of Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Views onto Countryside
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Deanshanger Offers Over £155,000

- Three Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace Property
- Field Views
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms

Wolverton £145,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Mid Terraced Property
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Refitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- No Upper Chain

Wolverton Guide £164,995

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Terrace
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Viewing Recommended

Stony Stratford Offers Over £225,000

- Link Detached
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Extended
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Must Be Viewed

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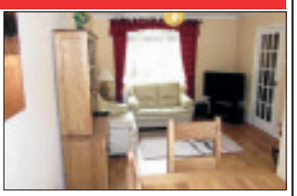
Bletchley Park £297,000

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Study
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Garage
- Rear Garden

Racecourses £189,995



- Three Bedrooms
- Detached House
- Popular Location
- Off Road Parking
- Detached Garage

Scotts Guide £145,000

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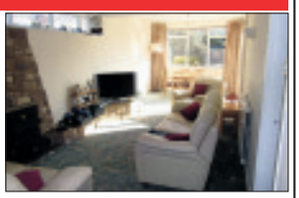

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

Barley Hurst OIEO £134,995

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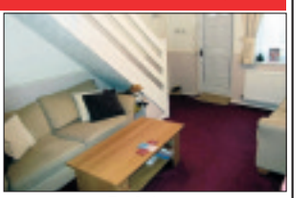

- Two Bedrooms
- Staggered Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Outside Front
- Rear Garden

Scotts Guide £145,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage

Church Green Road OIEO £200,000

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Two Ensuite Bathrooms
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Bletchley £114,995

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Utility Room
- Front and Rear Gardens

Counties OIEO £130,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Kitchen/ Dining Room
- Lounge
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

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Bletchley Park Guide £125,000

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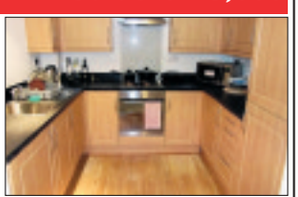

- First floor apartment
- Two double bedrooms
- En suite
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking

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Westcroft £242,995

- Well presented
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite to master
- Rear garden
- Single garage

Shenley Brook End £255,000

- Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Garden
- Driveway and Garage

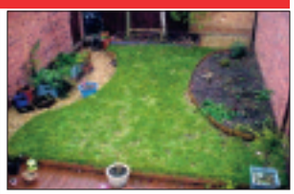
Oxley Park £250,000

- Well presented
- Semi detached
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite to master
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway and garage

Westcroft £320,000

- Well presented
- Four bedroom detached property
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens
- Off road parking and garage

Westcroft Guide Price £235,000



- Well Presented
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Kingsmead Guide price £350,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens

Furzton Guide Price £125,000

- Cluster Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Oxley Park OIEO £400,000

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Ensuites
- Detached Double Garage
- Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley £235,000

- Extended
- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Area
- 18ft Family Room
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom
- Garage and Gardens

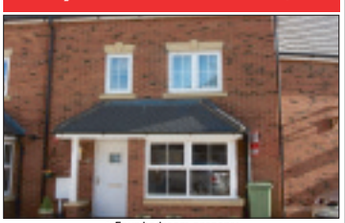
Emerson Valley Offers IEO £55,000

- Top Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Offered For Sale At A 50% Share
- No Upper Chain

Furzton OIRO £300,000

- Well presented
- Detached property
- Four double bedrooms
- Ensuite to master
- Utility room and cloakroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Driveway and garage
- Viewing recommended

Oxley Park £225,000



- Four bedroom property
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Lounge/diner
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

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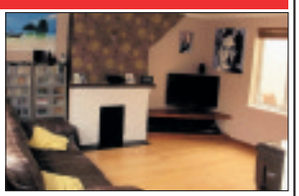
Newport Pagnell £165,000



- Two Bedroom Property
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted Bathroom
- Sought After Location
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Courtyard Garden

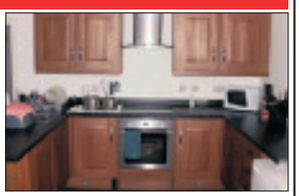
Olney £299,995

- Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Communal Parking
- No Upper Chain

Lavendon £165,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Garage

Newport Pagnell £140,000



- Two Bedrooms
- 1st Floor Flat
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Diner/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Allocated Off Road Parking

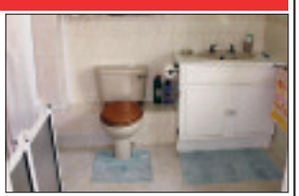
Lavendon £290,000

- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room/Study
- Kitchen/Diner
- En Suite
- Bathroom
- Driveway

Harrold £204,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Rear Lobby
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom
- En suite
- Rear Garden

Giffard Park O.I.E.O £100,000



- Sought After Location
- One Bedroom Over 55's
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

Olney £164,995

- NO UPPER CHAIN!!!!
- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace Property
- Popular Location
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Harrold Offers Over £215,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage and Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain

Great Linford Guide Price £225,000

- Extended Detached Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front, Rear and Side Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Olney £270,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Overlooking Johnsons Field
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Kitchen and Utility
- Cloakroom
- Rear Garden
- Garage And Off Road Parking

Wollaston O.I.E.O £140,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- En suite
- Front & Rear Garden

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• Spacious lounge onto the garden
• Separate kitchens to the front
• To include integrated appliances
• Rural setting onto open land
• BOOK A VIEWING TODAY!

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• A brand new deceptionally large
• 4 bedroom detached
• Set on a small community of just 8 private houses.
• The feature of this house is a 23 x 20' living room onto the garden.
• Generous garden
• To the front of the plot is a double carport
• Parking for 4 cars
• Finished to a high specification, viewing internally is recommended.

NEW IN LAVENDON VILLAGE £189,995

• Just two rarely available brand new 3 bedroom semi detached homes.
• Enjoying an elevated position with rural views to the front.
• Each home enjoys a high standard specification.
• The layout has the popular kitchen/diner arrangement with patio doors onto the garden. • The village lies just outside Olney and offers a good range of amenities.
• It also benefits from access to Bedford and Northampton.

REDUCED BY £75,000 £425,000

• Brand new cottage style 4 bedroom detached home.
• Set in this executive small development in this popular village.
• Boasting a large cover ported drive for numerous cars
• Established trees to the garden boundary.
• The village has an excellent school reputation
• Train service to London within walking distance.
• The benefits of a traditional village

ONLY 3 REMAINING £149,950

• Ground floor luxury apartment
• 2 Double bedrooms
• Large living room with Juliet balcony
• Walking distance to town centre shops
• New showhome open

BRAND NEW FAMILY HOME £239,000

• 3 Bedroom family home
• 18ft lounge with french doors onto the garden
• Open plan kitchendiner
• Master bedroom with ensuite
• Situated in a sought after town on the outskirts on Milton Keynes.

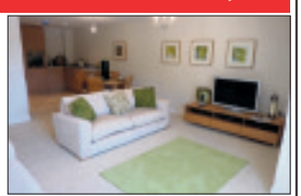
5 BED NEAR WILLEN LAKE £283,750

• Rarely available in this popular location
• Semi detached new home
• Part Exchange
• Annex style ground floor
• Excellent access to motorway

NEW MODERN 3 STOREY HOME £249,995

• 4 Bedroom home
• Living/Dining area with Juliet balcony
• Large kitchen/breakfast room
• Master bedroom has large dormer window
• Walking distance to Kingston Centre

NEW PHASE RELEASED £147,950



• 2 Bedrooms with en suites
• Patio doors onto residents gardens
• Parking space
• Easy walk to train station
• Some include carpets and blinds
• Arrange a viewing now

NEW DEVELOPMENT WALTON GRANGE £219,950

• 3 Bedroom home
• High specification
• Master bedroom has an en suite
• Allocated parking
• Popular East Milton Keynes
• SHOW HOME NOW OPEN

5 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE £320,000

• 5 bedroom home
• 3 bath/shower rooms
• Most bedrooms are double sized
• Garage with generous driveway
• Offering excellent access to M1

RARELY AVAILABLE FAMILY HOME £359,999

• Two storey brand new detached home
• 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom
• Master bedroom has an ensuite and dressing room
• Double garage
• Part Exchange

4 BED HOME WITH ROOF TERRACE £245,995

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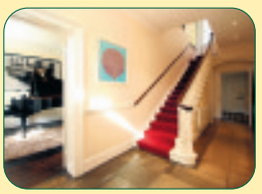
COOPER BEARD COUNTY HOMES

Ampthill — £995,000



A unique Grade II Georgian town house situated centrally in Ampthill within the conservation area.

Gates House is believed to date from about 1807 and is distinguished by fine wrought iron gates.

The house was extended in Victorian times and more recently has been sympathetically renovated to blend the many period features with contemporary amenities presenting a most elegant family home. • Four Reception Rooms • Four Bedrooms • Fifth Bedroom/Cinema Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Shower Room and Family Bathroom • Outstanding Mature Gardens • Garaging

Woburn Sands — £649,995

A three bedroom detached chalet style property situated on a private road in one of the area's most sought after locations.

This well presented family home occupies a plot of approximately a third of an acre and offers spacious accommodation over two floors. The property dates back to 1921 and has been extended providing the following accommodation:

• Entrance Hall with a triple aspect • Sitting Room with brick fireplace • Dining Room • Conservatory • Kitchen / Breakfast Room • Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom • Two Further Bedrooms • Family Bathroom • Front and Rear Gardens • Double Detached Garage • Parking for Numerous Vehicles

Woburn — £565,000

A stunning Grade II Listed period property that dates back to the 16th Century.

Situated in the Georgian village of Woburn which is the Centre for chic restaurants,great pubs and a variety of specialist shops, this beautiful house provides the following accommodation • Entrance Lobby with double Cloaks Cupboard • Cellar with power and light connected • Three Reception Rooms all with open fireplaces • Four Bedrooms • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Utility Room • Cloakroom • Luxury Bathroom with roll top claw legged bath • En-suite to Bed 3 • Delightful Mature Gardens backing onto Woburn Estate

Haynes — £700,000

A beautifully restored charming period property situated in a conservation area amidst the picturesque small hamlet of Haynes Church End.

The accommodation provided in this lovely house includes: An imposing 'L' shaped split level Entrance Hall, Sitting Room with a feature brick fireplace and vaulted ceiling, Conservatory with French doors to the garden, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room/ Larder, Dining Room with feature brick fireplace, Study, 4 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Shower Room, 2 Garages and Various Outbuildings.

• **The gardens extend to approximately 0.85 of an acre**

Aspley Guise — £224,995

A three bedroom end of terrace house situated in the village of Aspley Guise
The accommodation on the ground floor provides an open plan Kitchen / Lounge / Dining Room, with three bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor.

Ridgmont — £520,000

A spacious barn conversion featuring beamed and vaulted ceilings
• Entrance Hall and Inner Hall • 4/5 Bedrooms, 3 En Suite Bathrooms • Two Living Areas one incorporating Study and Mezzanine floor (Bed 5) • Kitchen/Dining Room • Utility Room • Two Garden Areas • Private driveway from main road • Gravelled parking area.

Woburn — £137,500

Ground Floor Two Bedroomed Warden controlled apartment
The accommodation comprises •Entrance Hall •Lounge/Dining Room •Kitchen •2 Bedrooms •Bathroom •Communal Gardens.

Ampthill — £139,950

A rarely available bungalow with communal landscaped grounds
The accommodation comprises • Entrance Hall • Kitchen • Living Room with French doors to outside • Bedroom • Bathroom • Parking Space

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- FULLY ENCLOSED GARDENS
- DOUBLE GARAGE

BLETCHLEY £244,950

- DETACHED
- 4 BEDROOM
- SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
- CLOAKROOM
- STUDY
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- RE FITTED EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY

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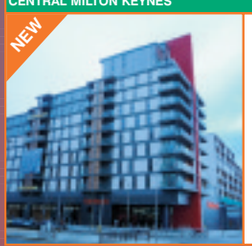
- 3 BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE /DINER
- STUDY
- WORKING FIRE PLACE
- FULLY ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES £154,995



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- 3 BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN / DINER
- CLOAKROOM
- LOUNGE
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

BLETCHLEY £79,950

- KITCHEN
- SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- FULLY ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- REPOSSESION

WALNUT TREE £36,000

- 35 % SHARED OWNERSHIP
- STUDIO APARTMENT
- RE FITEED KITCHEN
- RE FITTED BATHROOM
- DOUBLE GLAZED
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

FURZTON £284,995

- 4 BEDROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
- UTILITY ROOM
- CLOAKROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- EN SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM

BLETCHLEY £139,995

- FITTED KITCHEN
- SPERARATE LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- SEPARATE UPSTAIRS WC
- 114FT GARDEN APPROX
- TWO PARKING SPACES

CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES £56,000

- 2 BEDROOM SHARED OWNERSHIP APARTMENT
- OPEN PLAN LOUNGE / KITCHEN
- 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- EN SUITE TO MASTER
- SEPARATE BATHROOM

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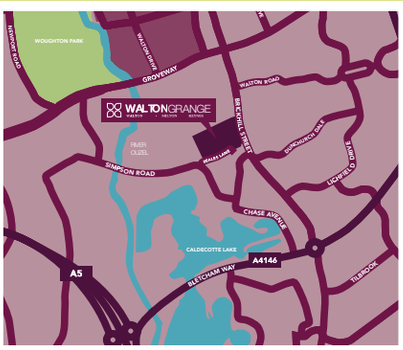

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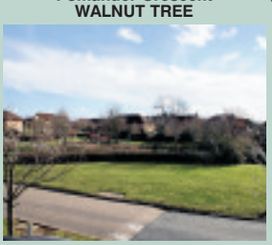

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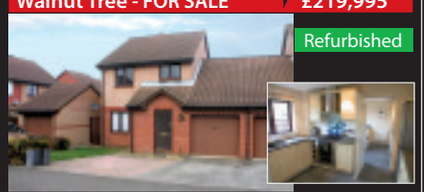

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Closing date: 21 March 2011.

Interview date: 23 March 2011.

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Your CV

When you send your CV off to a potential employer, remember that you won't be the only one. Hundreds of other people could be applying for the job as well.

So what are you going to do to make you stand out from the crowd? Why should an employer take a chance on you instead of someone else?

Your CV is your first real chance to sell yourself to a potential employer. Most employers will scan through a CV in about 30 seconds so you need to grab their attention from the start - and make them want to invite you for an interview.

There are five main areas to consider when writing your CV:

• Make sure your CV looks the part. Your CV should look clean and tidy - don't scrawl it out on a piece of A4 paper. If you haven't got access to a PC or printer, ask a friend or use your local library. Use a good quality paper and steer clear of fancy borders and front covers.

• Watch out for silly spelling and grammar mistakes. They make you look lazy and show employers that you don't really care. It's not difficult to do a spell check on your PC and if you're really stuck then don't just guess, reach for a dictionary. Get a friend to read through your CV for you - a second opinion is always useful.

• Make sure your CV is well organised. When you list your previous jobs, make sure the dates are correct and try not to leave any gaps. If you took time out to go travelling then say so - employers won't mark you down just because you've tried something new.

• Don't waffle. Remember that employers don't have time to read every word of your CV. Long paragraphs and sentences put people off, so try bullet-points to break up text. Make sure your CV is no longer than two pages long - employers don't want your life history, they just want to see that you've got what it takes to do the job.

• Don't list any failures. Employers have enough trouble finding someone who is right for the job - they don't need help finding reasons not to employ you. If you have to include a mistake from your past, make sure you show the employer that you learnt something from the experience.

Keep it simple

Personal details
Start off with your full name, address, date of birth, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and nationality. If you are offered an interview, the employer will want to get hold of you so give him as many options as possible.

Summary/professional profile
This is the No1 area for selling yourself. Set out your main skills and personal qualities but keep it interesting and tight - one paragraph should do to cover everything.

Education and qualifications
List your qualifications and education history, with the most recent first. You don't need to list the grades for each exam you have passed unless they were exceptional results - simply listing the number and type of exams you've passed is fine. Also, list any relevant professional organisations you belong to and training courses you have been on.

Work experience
Start with your most recent position and work backwards, giving addresses along with start and finish dates. Set out your main responsibilities, duties and most importantly achievements, along with any skills you picked up or improvements you made while you were there. This is a really important section in your CV so make it count - but don't waffle.

If you have not had a full-time job before, detail any part-time jobs you may have held or any placement you have been on.

Other skills
Set out any computer skills you may have and the software you are most familiar with. Can you type, do shorthand or speak a foreign language fluently? If you have a driving licence, let the employer know. If it's clean, tell them.

Interests & hobbies
Briefly list what you get up to in your spare time. Put down any positions you hold in clubs or associations, along with any responsibilities and achievements.

References
Make sure you have at least two people (including one from your previous or current job) who will tell an employer what a thoroughly nice person you are and what a potential asset to the company you would be.

If you want to list them now make sure you include their name, job title, postal & e-mail address and contact phone numbers. Alternatively, just put "Available on request" so the employer knows to follow up references at a later date.

Add a covering letter

The main aim of a covering letter is to encourage an employer to give you a chance. You want them to read your CV, so sell it to them. You should always enclose a covering letter when applying for a job - most employers won't consider you unless you do.

A covering letter should let the employer know why you are interested in the job and why you think you can do it.

The hints and tips below should point you in the right direction:

• Keep it simple. A covering letter should be short and to the point - no more than six paragraphs.

• Mention the job. If you are replying to an advert, mention what the job is and where you saw it. The company may be advertising for other positions and it may not be clear which job you are applying for.

• Sell yourself. Explain why you are the perfect candidate for the job. Show off your strengths and experience. Refer to your CV - if it goes missing then at least an employer will know that you've sent it.

• Check it for mistakes. A silly spelling mistake in a covering letter is likely to cost you your chance of getting an interview. Also, make sure it is addressed to the right person in the right department.

A covering letter can be just as important as a CV in getting you an interview. It's your first point of contact with your potential employer - so make it count.

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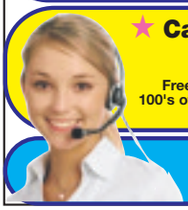

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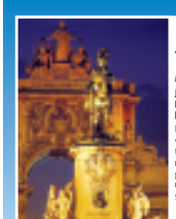

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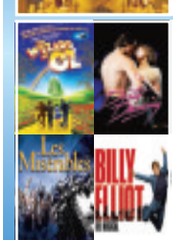

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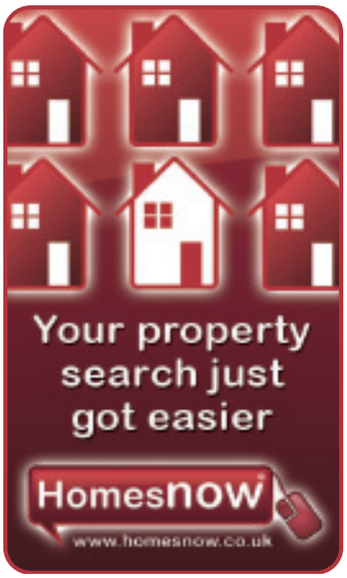

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (20MPH, 30MPH AND 40MPH SPEED LIMITS) (VARIOUS ROADS, HUSBORNE CRAWLEY) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

On the 11th March 2011 Central Bedfordshire Council made a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

The effect of the Order:

A. To reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to a 20mph speed limit on the following length of School Lane in Husborne Crawley:

- That length of School Lane, Husborne Crawley, which extends from a point approx 67 metres north-west from its junction with Turnpike Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx 212 metres.

B. To reduce the existing 40mph speed limits to 30mph speed limits on the following lengths of roads in Husborne Crawley:

- That length of Horsepool Lane, Husborne Crawley, which extends from its junction with Turnpike Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx 148 metres.
- That length of Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, which extends from a point approx 115 metres south-west of the junction with Horsepool Lane in a north easterly direction to its junction with School Lane.
- That length of Mill Road , Husborne Crawley, which extends from its junction with School Lane in a north easterly direction for a distance of approx 230 metres.
- That length of Ridgmont Road, Husborne Crawley, which extends from its roundabout junction with Mill Road in a generally easterly direction for a distance of approx 232 metres.
- That length of School Lane, Husborne Crawley, which extends from its junction with Turnpike Road in a north westerly direction for a distance of approx 67 metres.
- That length of School Lane, Husborne Crawley, which extends from a point approx 279 metres north-west of its junction with Turnpike Road in a north westerly direction to its junction with Bedford Road.
- That length of Bedford Road, Husborne Crawley, which extends from a point approx 208 metres north-east of its junction with School Lane in generally south westerly direction for approx 419 metres.

C. To reduce the existing National Speed Limit to a 40mph speed limit on the following length of Turnpike Road in Husborne Crawley:

- That length of Turnpike Road, Husborne Crawley, which extends from a point approx 115 metres south-west of the junction with Horsepool Lane in a south westerly direction for a distance of approx 220 metres.

Orders to be revoked: All previous Speed Limit Orders made on the above lengths of roads are revoked.

Date of Operation: The Order will come into operation on the 18th March 2011.

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Dated 17th March 2011

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways
Technology House, 239 Ampthill Road
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PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
and/or
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

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Assistant Director Planning 13 March 2011

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00519/FULL General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Change of use of amenity land into residential garden
LOCATION:	2 Sandy Lane, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 3BE
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00724/VOC Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Variation of Condition 4 of Planning Permission Ref. SB/TP/96/0586 to enable use of the site for riding school, private recreation,dog training and agricultural purposes.
LOCATION:	Whistlebrook Stud, Sewell Lane, Sewell, Dunstable, LU6 1RP
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00750/FULL MajorApp/GeneralPublicity/ EnvStatement
PROPOSAL:	Revised scheme for the formation of a secondary vehicular access on land off Derwent Road to serve development proposed within Aylesbury Vale District under an outline planning application for Mixed Use Development including Residential (C3), some 900 dwellings, Employment (B1) Commercial (A1, A2, A3, A4, A5), Primary school, Health centre (D1), Leisure and Community (D2) Land uses and associated roads, Drainage, Car parking, Servicing, Footpaths, Cycleways, Public Open Space/Informal Open Space and Landscaping (revised application CB/10/00859/FULL)
LOCATION:	Land at Derwent Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2XT
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00774/FULL Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Construction of New Village Hall for Hockliffe.
LOCATION:	Village Hall, Kilby Road, Hockliffe, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9LX
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00795/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change to use from paddock to hardstanding area.
LOCATION:	Manor Farm, Stanbridge Road, Great Billington, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9JH
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00817/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey side/rear extension with flat roof replacing shed and new shed to rear garden (revised application CB/10/04201/FULL)
LOCATION:	39 Clipstone Cottages, Bedford Road, Barton le Clay, Bedford, MK45 4LL
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00852/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of use of first floor from benefits office to advice and counselling centre
LOCATION:	67 High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1JD
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00871/LB Listed Building/Public Right Of Way
PROPOSAL:	Listed Building: To provide window guards, underpin west porch, replace timber lintel and stud and provide wrought iron straps at south east corner.
LOCATION:	Chalton Barn, Water End Lane, Chalton, Luton, LU4 9UL
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00877/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of double garage to the side and front porch extension
LOCATION:	14 Wentworth Gardens, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6DN
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00712/FULL Affects Public Right of Way
PROPOSAL:	Continued use of Garden Room as Tattoo Studio, ref: CB/09/05177/TP
LOCATION:	38 Dunstable Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6DR

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LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34

Notice is hereby given that on the 8 March 2011 **Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc** applied to Milton Keynes Council for a variation of the Premises Licence in respect of premises **Morrisons**, 4 Barnsdale Drive, Westcroft, Milton Keynes MK4 4DD. The proposed variation is: 1. To vary the hours for the sale by retail of alcohol and the opening hours to 0600 to 2400 Monday to Sunday inclusive. Any representations by an interested party or responsible authority regarding the above-mentioned application must be received in writing by: The Licensing Team, Environmental Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ, tel 01908 252 800, e-mail: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk no later than 5 April 2011 stating the grounds for representations. The register of Milton Keynes Council and the record of the application may be inspected at the Council Offices at the address given above on Mondays to Thursdays between the hours of 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

Proposed extension to the gardens of numbers 9-12 inclusive, Cromarty Court, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK3 7SU.

Anyone having an interest in this please contact 12 Cromarty Court, MK3 7SU

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Central Bedfordshire

Central Bedfordshire Council invite applications from suitably qualified and experienced organisations to provide the following Youth Support Services across Central Bedfordshire. The work will need to focus on supporting vulnerable young people as well as developing and implementing strategies to use volunteers.

1. **Youth Support Services – Leighton Buzzard. Quote Ref YS1**
2. **Youth Support Services – Sandy and Biggleswade. Quote Ref YS2**
3. **Youth Support Services – Arlesey, Shefford & Stotfold. Quote Ref YS3**
4. **Youth Support Services – Dunstable & Houghton Regis. Quote Ref YS4**
5. **Youth Support Services – Volunteering. Quote Ref YS5**
6. **Youth Support Services – Arts, Music, Dance. Quote Ref YS6**
7. **Youth Support Services – Outdoor Education/ Activities. Quote Ref YS7**

Each of the above service areas are separate and will have their own individual tender specification and application process. However, should any organisations want to apply to deliver all of the above specifications as a total package then please quote **Ref YS8.**

The contract(s) for each of the above will run to 31st March 2013.

Expressions of interest are therefore sought from interested organisations that meet the following minimum criteria;

- Have a proven track record of delivering high quality, outcome based support services to vulnerable young people.
- Hold the relevant licences to provide the appropriate services.

To express an interest please contact procurement@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk and quote the reference number and specification title of the service area you wish to express an interest in.

A Pre Qualification Questionnaire will need to be completed for which the closing date is 1pm, 24th March 2011.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) (WEATHERBY, DUNSTABLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along that length of Weatherby, Dunstable which extends from Drovers Way to Greenfield Close.

This temporary closure is required to enable surfacing work to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place on ONE WEEK between 6th and 30th April 2011 between 7.30am and 6.00pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on Hillcroft to mini roundabout with Brewers Hill Lane. Take 2nd exit and continue on Brewers Hill Lane and then on Drovers Rd to junction with Weatherby and site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 6th April 2011 for a period of eight months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL (THE SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT (VARIOUS ROADS) (DUNSTABLE AND HOUGHTON REGIS) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 1997) (VARIATION NO.1) ORDER 2011

On the 11th March 2011 Central Bedfordshire Council made a Road Traffic Regulation Order as follows:

Effect of the Order:

To PERMIT vehicles to turn right (manoeuvres currently prohibited):

1. From Icknield Street into West Street.

2. From Princes Street into West Street.

To PERMIT vehicles to proceed straight ahead (manoeuvre currently prohibited):

1. From Princes Street across West Street into Icknield Street.

Date of Operation: The Order will come into operation on the 21st March 2011.

Further Details of the proposal and a plan may be examined during normal office hours at Central Bedfordshire Council at the Technology House address below and during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place Dunstable LU5 4HA.

High Court Challenge: Any person who desires to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant Section of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the ground that any requirement of that Section had not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the 11th March 2011 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(4) (B530 FANCOTT BRIDLEWAY, TODDINGTON) (TEMPORARY 40 MPH SPPED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from exceeding a 40 mph speed limit along that length of the B530 Fancott Bridleway which extends from its junction with the A5120 Harlington Road to its junction with the B579 Luton Road, Toddington.

This temporary speed limit is required to enable new gas main works to be carried our in safety and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

It is expected that the speed limit will be required from Monday 4 April until Tuesday 4 October 2011, over full 24 hours.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4 April 2011 for a period of nine months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Tim Cox, Mervyn Lambert Plant Ltd, Tel: 01953 688211.

DATED 16th March 2011

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways
Central Bedfordshire Council
Technology House, Ampthill Road, Bedford MK42 9BD

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) (TODDINGTON: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 34) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council have made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot along the length of Footpath No 34, Toddington which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) TL 0167 2990 north east for approx 1320 metres to OS GR TL 0234 3098.

This temporary footpath closure is required to allow construction works to be carried out for the new Junction 12 of the M1. The closure is expected to take place from 16 March 2011 for up to six months.

The alternative routes for footpath users while the closure is in operation will be:

From OS GR TL 0167 2990 proceed north west along Footpath No 35, Toddington for approx 290m to its junction with Long Lane at OS GR TL 0145 3008. Turn right and continue north along Long Lane for approx 810m to Footpath No 36, Toddington at OS GR TL 0132 3084. Continue generally north east along Footpath No 36 and then Footpath No 9, Westoning for approx 880m to the junction with Footpath No 17, Westoning at OS GR TL 0184 3139. Proceed generally south east along Footpath No 17, Westoning for approx 660m to Footpath No 34, Toddington at OS GR TL 0234 3098 and vice versa.

The Order will come into operation on 16 March 2011 for a period not exceeding six months or until the works which it is proposed to carry out on or near to the footpath have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within six months the Order may be extended for a longer period with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport.

For further information please contact Michelle Flynn, Central Bedfordshire Council, Tel: 0300 300 6072

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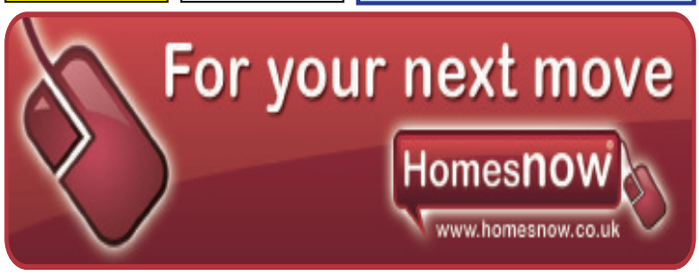

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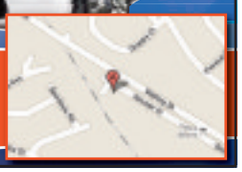

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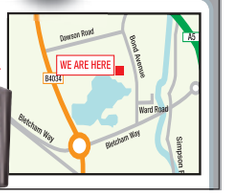

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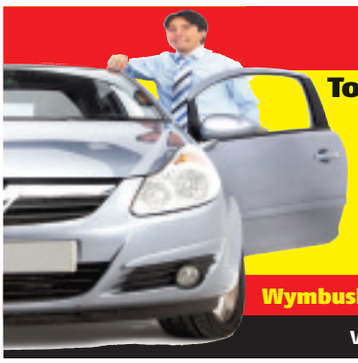

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Lightning splutter

MK Lightning 5
Sheffield Steeldogs 1

SHEFFIELD were held on a very tight leash on Saturday Lightning took a two goal lead within the first ten minutes.

Adam Brittle, facing brother Stuart in the opposition ranks, bagged Lightning's first as he pounced on the rebound from a Monir Kalgoum shot and skipper Adam Carr was next on the scoresheet with a short-handed goal whilst Grant McPherson sat a penalty for tripping.

Sheffield's Janie Ozolins reduced the deficit as he beat netminder Alex Mettam on the quarter-hour mark.

Nick Poole's men stood firm as the Steeldogs snapped at their net as penalties gave them a two man advantage early in the second half.

Shortly after being restored to full strength Lightning restored their two goal lead, courtesy of Adam Carr who connected with a pass from Michael Wales.

Less than two minutes later Matt Towalski made it 4-1, and the result was put beyond all doubt 54 seconds later when Kalgoum set up Andre Smulter for Lightning's fifth.

Action from Lightning v Sheffield Steeldogs

Picture Jez Tibbetts

Guildford Flames 7
MK Lightning 3

WHAT a difference a day makes, as the buoyed up Lightning crashed down in flames at Guildford.

The home side took a fifth minute lead through Martin Masa when he got on the end of a Matt Towe cross and Guildford took full advantage of a powerplay to go two goals ahead in the 10th courtesy of Nathan Rempel, while Michael Farn served a hooking penalty.

Massa netted again before Adam Carr suggested a Lightning's fight back less than three minutes later, but the momentum was not sustained, with Guildford scoring again only 20 seconds after the restart to take a 4-1 lead.

When Neil Liddiard was sent to the penalty box it was Lightning's turn to make the most of a powerplay, Michael Wales scoring on the half hour but Guildford restored the status quo a minute later courtesy of an Andrew Hemmings goal.

Lightning again showed their mettle by taking advantage of another powerplay with Blaz Emersic making it 5-3 at the end of the second period, keeping those hopes of a fightback alive.

Flames, however, had other ideas and saw off Lightning's threat with another goal from Rempel at before David Savage close the scoring a couple of minutes before the whistle.

■ Lightning serve up a mouth-watering home double-header this weekend as part of the MK Festival of Ice Hockey at Planet Ice. They take on title pretenders Manchester Phoenix at 7.30pm on Saturday, then on Sunday they play host to Basingstoke Bison at 5.30pm.

All England Champs turn out anything but

IT was a disappointing All England Badminton Championships for Team England last week as Chinese players took three out of five titles.

Nathan Robertson and Jenny Wallwork's title hopes came to an abrupt end when they lost in the second round of the mixed doubles in Birmingham's National Indoor Arena.

The England pair lost 21-19, 21-15 against fourth seeds Robert Mateusiak and Nadiezda Zieba of Poland, despite leading 16-14 in the first game before the Poles won four points in a row to take control.

A frustrated Robertson said: "You win some you lose some. Overall it was a very scrappy game and we're heavily disappointed.

"We made too many mistakes and they were better than us. They were controlled, we were snatching.

"As a pair we are playing well but we didn't show our ability. We're disappointed for the fans who support us.

"The shuttles were a lot faster today as well, and if the shuttles are slower you get longer rallies, which is ultimately more entertaining for the fans."

Earlier in the day England's Chris Adcock and Scotland's Imogen Bankier went out of the mixed doubles second round when they lost to China's Xu Chen and world champion Ma Jin 14-21, 21-14, 21-13.

Adcock also had a first round defeat in the mens doubles when he and playing partner Andrew Ellis lost to the Korean pairing of Jae Sung Jung and Yong Dae Lee.

Women doubles hopefuls Mariana Agathangelou and Heather Olver lost out to Savitree Amitapai and Somsri Nessara from Thailand over three games in the first round.

In the womans singles Elizabeth Cann made a first round exit to Petya Nedelcheva of Bulgaria and Jenny Wallwork and Gabrielle White also fell at the first hurdle to the pairing of Wen Hsing Cheng and Yu Chin Chien from China.

White with Scotish partner Robert Blair had a second round exit in the mixed doubles whenSudket Prapakamol and Saralee Thoungthongkam from Thailand won in three games.

Other hopefuls Ouseph Rajiv lost out in the first of the mens singles to Jin Chen of China while Danish pair Conrad-Petersen and Jonas Rasmussen defeated Marcus Ellis and Peter Mills.

The championship winners were mens singles Chong Wei Lee, womens singles Shixian Wang, Mathias Boe and Carsten Mogensen (mens doubles), Xiaoli Wang and Yang Yu in the womens doubles and mixed doubles Chen Xu and Jin Ma.

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28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC)	H	1-1
	(Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)		
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	1-0
22	Oldham	H	0-0
26	Brighton	H	1-0

March

5	Rochdale	A	4-1
8	Charlton	H	2-0
12	Colchester	A	3-1
21	Peterborough	H	
25	Walsall	H	

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

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WE'VE had four wins on the trot now and it breeds confidence – Colchester is a difficult place to go to.

We rode our luck a couple of times on Saturday but in the second half we were back to ourselves and it was great to see Sam Baldock starting and scoring.

On Saturday we faced a lot of adversity. First David Martin got injured in the warm up and Stuart Searle, who's hardly had any reserve games, came in and I thought he was magnificent.

Stephen Gleeson was ill and he played well, Peter Leven was injured and Sean O'Hanlon was only just returning from suspension.

Our first goal epitomised everything myself and Karl believe in, how to bring the ball out right from the back, keep passing, go forward and then sticking it into the net. Being a goal down, we had to have faith in our ability, the shackles were off, and we said at half-time 'we can play better'.

In the second half we just got back to what we're good at – passing the ball, going forward with a purpose and getting into the attacking third. Sam got three but in truth he could have gone and got another couple.

To be fair to them they never gave up and they missed a couple of big chances. All in all we're all delighted with the three points before we go on to play Peterborough United who are absolutely on fire as well.

Peterborough is a local derby and I thought we should have got a draw at least when we were down there and so we owe them one.

It is a game on the television, but hopefully everyone will come out in their numbers and get right behind the team because we're going through a great spell, we play good open football so it's going to be a cracker of a game.

We have had great support both home and way this season and both Karl and I are keen to give them a deserved round-of-applause for supporting us.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME					AWAY						
1	Brighton	34	13	4	0	42	13	8	4	5	22	13	38	71
2	Huddersfield	36	10	5	3	28	15	8	4	6	29	24	18	63
3	Peterborough	35	13	3	3	57	34	6	2	8	25	26	22	62
4	Southampton	34	10	4	3	31	10	8	3	6	31	20	32	61
5	Bournemouth	36	12	4	3	41	17	5	6	6	19	21	22	61
6	MK Dons	37	11	4	3	27	16	7	3	9	27	32	6	61
7	Leyton Orient	33	10	4	2	31	13	4	7	6	25	29	14	53
8	Hartlepool	36	8	4	6	26	25	6	4	8	12	23	-10	50
9	Exeter	36	7	5	5	30	26	6	5	8	21	32	-7	49
10	Carlisle	35	7	6	5	28	21	6	3	8	20	25	2	48
11	Charlton	34	8	4	6	22	25	5	5	6	28	25	0	48
12	Colchester	36	8	6	4	28	27	4	6	8	14	21	-6	48
13	Oldham	36	7	6	5	27	27	4	7	7	19	25	-6	46
14	Brentford	35	7	4	6	19	20	6	3	9	20	25	-6	46
15	Rochdale	33	6	6	4	25	22	5	6	6	19	19	3	45
16	Sheff Wed	34	6	5	5	24	18	6	2	10	26	31	1	43
17	Notts County	32	9	1	7	21	16	3	5	7	16	22	-1	42
18	Tranmere	35	6	4	7	21	22	4	5	9	19	27	-9	39
19	Yeovil	35	5	4	8	17	23	5	4	9	16	28	-18	38
20	Dag & Red	33	5	5	6	19	20	4	4	9	18	27	-10	36
21	Walsall	37	6	2	10	21	28	3	7	9	20	32	-19	36
22	Swindon	36	5	8	6	18	21	2	4	11	25	39	-17	33
23	Bristol Rovers	36	5	4	9	18	28	3	5	10	20	42	-32	33
24	Plymouth	36	7	4	7	22	25	5	2	11	21	35	-17	32

Not including last night's games

Sam Baldock watches as the ball flies past Colchetser keeper Ben Williams for the second of his three goals

Baldock-inspired Dons extend run

Colchester United 1 MK Dons 3

BY ADAM THOMPSON
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A SECOND-HALF hat-trick by Sam Baldock inspired MK Dons to a superb victory over Colchester United.

The impressive nature of the win oozed confidence and stretched their unbeaten run to six matches and their form on the road to one defeat in eight.

Manager Karl Robinson made two changes to the side that beat Charlton Athletic in mid-week, goalkeeper David Martin was injured in the warm-up so in came Stuart Searle.

Sam Baldock's match-winning cameo on Tuesday earned him a recall to the starting 11 with Angelo Balanta and Sean O'Hanlon named on the bench.

Dons started the game on the front foot and the first clear-cut chance of the game fell to the visitors.

Rowan Vine, who was returning to his former club, fed Chadwick down the left, his centre looked for a lurking Sam Baldock but the number ten couldn't convert and put his effort over the bar from inside the area.

Searle was tested early on when a swinging corner by Anthony Wordsworth had the keeper diving to his left to save low and the Dons custodian was out moments later to smother an advancing Kayode Odejayi chance.

The deadlock was finally broken after 29 minutes when Wordsworth sent Odejayi striding down the left. The powerful striker turned provider putting in a cross that found fellow frontman, Steven Gillespie, who applied the finish.

Robinson was starting to cut a frustrated figure on the touchline as his side were unable to provide an immediate reply to United's opener.

However just after half-time Baldock netted his first of three to equalise.

A great interchange of play between Baldock, Stephen Hughes and Chadwick saw the Dons hitman get away from his man to prod the ball home for his ninth of the season.

Baldock was on target again when he broke through Colchester's back line, picked his spot and went into double figures for the season finishing easily past Ben Williams.

Dons went into cruise control after the goal despite Gillespie, who missed a glorious chance earlier on, somehow managing to hit the roof of the stand from eight yards out following a cross from Ashley Vincent.

Baldock however wrapped the points up in the 85th minute. Chadwick fired a shot from 20 yards Williams could only parry to Baldock who once again finished well from outside the 18-yard-box to claim his first senior hat-trick.

MK DONS
Searle, Woodards, Doumbe, Mackenzie (O'Hanlon, 60), Lewington, Chadwick (Guy, 87), Hughes, Gleeson, Powell, Baldock, Vine (Ibehre, 75). Subs: Chicksen, Balanta, O'Hanlon, Flanagan, Stirling, Guy, Ibehre
COLCHESTER UNITED
Williams, Beevers (Wilson,87), Clarke, Odejayi, Henderson (Vincent, 69), Perkins, Gillespie, Wordsworth (Bond,69), White, James, Heath. Subs: Vincent, O'Toole, Izzet, Cousins, Bond, Wilson, Coker.
Referee: Chris Sarginson (Staffs)
Attendance: 4,103

COMING UP

PETERBOROUGH
League One
Monday, March 21
stadiummk
KO 7.45pm

ARGUABLY the biggest game in Dons' season so far.

In front of Sky's TV cameras, this local derby takes on more significance with both battling for promotion.

The Posh have plenty up front, hitting 82 goals so far this season, but they have also let in quite a few, 60 and counting.

Manager Karl Robinson has the happy headache of Leven, Balanta, Marsh-Brown and O'Hanlon all coming back. He is trying to thrash out deals that will see Rowan Vine and Stephen Hughes extend their loans.

'We've no-one to fear'

HAT-TRICK hero, Sam Baldock, says the side 'fear no-one' as they kept up their promotion push with a win against Colchester United.

Baldock who secured his first senior treble, is in great goal-scoring form having hit five goals in one week.

The striker said confidence is high in the camp as Dons continued their fine form. He added: "I think we're doing really well and we back ourselves against anyone. On our day I think we're the best team in the division, as we showed against Brighton, and if we keep winning then all we have to do is worry about ourselves.

"It doesn't matter who we are playing we are going to go into every game with the same approach and believe we can win and we've shown in the last few weeks we've no-one to fear and when we're on form we'll give anyone a game.

"Even after we were one-nil down I still felt positive about the result. I said to Daniel Powell after five minutes 'I feel good about today', we were getting a lot of space and our midfield were so confident and we're playing the ball from the back so all I have to do is put the ball in the back of the net and it's really enjoyable at the minute."

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Bletchley suffer from missing first-teamers

South West 1 East

Reading 49
Bletchley 5

THIS score does not reflect the possession and effort of the Bletchley players.

They were missing 12 first team players, but those who took to the pitch showed grit and determination. The forwards applied pressure on Reading and they should have scored two or three more tries.

From the kick-off Bletchley were put under pressure and after five minutes conceded a penalty.

A quick ball out to the Reading left wing saw them score again. The conversion failed but Reading were eight points ahead.

Reading then broke through the Bletchley midfield to score between the posts. An easy conversion made the score 15-0. Reading then went on to score an unconverted try to lift their score to 27 points by half-time.

After the break, Reading surprised the visitors with a try far out in the corner and although the conversion failed they were 32 points ahead.

Finally Bletchley managed to score in the corner, although the conversion failed. Reading then scored three more tries before the final whistle, two of which were converted.

Bletchley are at home to Wallingford on Saturday.

Lions lose again to last-gasp frees

Worthing Thunder 102
MK Lions 100

A SENSATIONAL finish by Worthing to force the extra period saw the Lions lose their third game in a row to free throws in the last second.

Shawn Myers got the scoring under way for Lions but the hosts proceeded to score seven of the first nine points in the game.

However Lions gradually came alive and posted a 16-7 run to move in front and cause home coach Gary Smith to call time-out – perhaps in a bid to advise his team how to handle Travis Nelson who already had 11 points and four rebounds inside the first eight minutes.

The time-out worked as Marlin Capers scored five points in the last minute either side of a Lions basket by Myers to ensure the Lions only led 22-20 after the first period.

As in the opening period, it was Mike New's team who managed to take the lead with a Myers three-ball helping put Lions 46-43 in front as the teams headed for the locker rooms.

Five minutes into the second half and Lions had extended their lead through Nelson to put his side 58-51 ahead and move to 21 points.

Worthing cut the gap to just four points with two minutes of the penultimate period remaining but there was no stopping Nelson who again kept Thunder at bay with another couple of scores.

Lions led 67-58 going into the last ten minutes and looked relatively comfortable until they took their foot off the gas and Thunder went for broke.

They cut the lead to single digits at seven points with four minutes remaining and set up a thrilling finale as they embarked on a devastating run to get within a point with just over a minute remaining.

The home team took the lead with just over 20 seconds left before Nelson tied with ten seconds left.

Neither team could get the basket they needed in regulation and that gave fans another pulsating five minutes of action to enjoy.

Each club had their chances in overtime to finish things off but it came down to the last 30 seconds.

Connor Washington hit one of two free throws to put the Lions up two points with 21 seconds left. Adam Williams then tied the game for Thunder with nine seconds left and the Lions attacked the basket looking for the win.

Stefan Gill missed with four seconds left to gave Williams the ball and his mazy dribble at half way led to a foul call by the official.

It took four minutes for the officials to decide if the foul was before or after the clock expired. Eventually Adam Williams went to the line with half a second left and sank both free throws and the Lions pride.

The Lions have now lost seven games in a row - a sequence that makes end of season playoffs almost impossible and leaves them third from bottom of the table.

■ MK Lions are on the road for their next two games - Plymouth Raiders on Sunday followed by a trip to Sheffield Sharks on Tuesday.

Travis Nelson: Eleven points and four rebounds inside the first eight minutes

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Boss can't wait for The Posh clash

MONDAY'S crunch clash with Peterborough United can't come soon enough for Karl Robinson, who is buzzing about the confidence oozing through his young guns.

It's all set up for a mouth-watering battle and Robinson said: "I can't wait. I wish it was Saturday because it's two more sleeps."

The two clubs' recent pasts have seen them fight close battles in two different leagues and the Dons boss is relishing the extra spice of what is now seen as a local derby.

He said: "Rivalry is great for the game and it shows there's still passion left in a great sport.

"I don't think there is any anger or animosity there, it's just two sets of fans supporting their team and wanting to win. This is a great rivalry but a friendly one as they're a club that we respect. I'm sure they respect us in the same way."

In team news, Robinson is hopeful that Keanu Marsh-Brown will return from Fulham today, while Angelo Balanta will play a behind-closed-doors game later this afternoon.

He is hopeful of a return for Gary MacKenzie, but must assess keeper David Martin. Peter Leven's suspension is over and he will be in contention.

■ MK Dons only have five more games at stadiummk and the club have announced a deal for fans to book a seat for the next two against Peterborough and Walsall for a combined price of £25 for an adult ticket. Adults can also buy a seat in the East Wing, both North and South, for £25, while over 60s will pay just £18 and under-16s £8. For tickets call the MK Dons box office on 622900, or visit the box office at stadiummk or the-centre:mk.

Sebastian Vettel tests the new RB7 in Barcelona

Champ signs for three years

FORMULA One world champion Sebastian Vettel has pledged his future to Red Bull Racing by signing a three-year contract extension.

He previously had a deal for this year and an option for next season and had recently been linked with a potential move to Ferrari for 2012.

However, Red Bull team principal Christian Horner had previously stated that as long as his team could continue to provide Vettel with a winning car, then he believed there was no reason he would not want to stay.

Following pre-season testing, Red Bull again appear to have the edge on their rivals and the 23-year-old German will now remain with the team through to the end of 2014.

Vettel who joined the Tilbrook based team in 1998 as a gratuate of the Red Bull Junior Team became the youngest driver to win a grand prix and last year became the youngest Formula 1 Drivers' World Champion.

Speaking on Monday Vettel said his decision to sign was down to a shared ambition and the manner he and the team worked together.

He said: "The reason why I'll stay until 2014 with Red Bull Racing is that I feel very comfortable in the team. I am proud to be part of the team and I am proud of what we have archived so far and will achieve together in the future."

Next weekend the F1 season gets of to a belated start in Melbourne, after the Bahrain GP was prospond, with Vettel firmly placed as favourite to retain his title.

If he did so, it would make him only the ninth driver in F1 history to achieve the feat.

Constuctor World Champions Red Bull's trip to last year's Australia GP netted them just two points as Vettel, who started in pole postion, retired on the 25th lap with a wheel problem and second on the grid team-mate Mark Webber came in ninth in his home GP.

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